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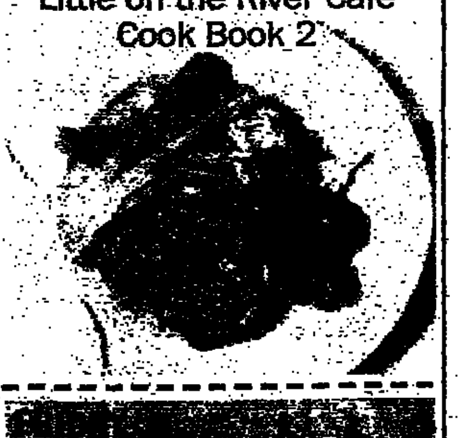

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Labour MP faces police inquiry on bribe claim

By Gillian Bowditch and Arthur Leathley

TONY BLAIR faced his first crisis as Prime Minister yesterday as police began investigating allegations that Mohammed Sarwar, Labour MP for Glasgow Govan, paid a £5,000 bribe to a rival candidate to try to boost his own general election vote.

The political career of Mr Sarwar, 44, Britain's first Muslim MP, was thrown into doubt less than three weeks after he was elected with a majority of 2,914 over the Scottish National Party candidate Nicola Sturgeon.

Although Mr Sarwar strenuously denied a string of allegations, the Government yesterday called on Andrew Hardie, the *Lord Advocate and Scotland's* most senior prosecutor, to set up a police investigation into the affair.

The Labour leadership decided against taking disciplinary action against Mr Sarwar yesterday but issued a clear warning that it would consider his suspension from the party if criminal charges are brought against him.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, underlined the party's commitment to tough action, and senior sources made clear that Mr Sarwar's expulsion from the party was inevitable if the allegations were proved. Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, called in Mr Hardie as Mr Sarwar was summoned to appear before Nick Brown, Labour's Chief Whip, at Downing Street.

Mr Brown held a 25-minute meeting with Mr Sarwar in his office before deciding that the Glasgow Govan MP should continue his work as a backbencher pending the police investigation.

Mr Sarwar will also be asked today to submit a detailed explanation of his defence before a provisional report is put to the Labour National Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday.

It emerged last night that the independent Labour candidate for Govan, Peter Paton, who polled 325 votes, is considering petitioning Glasgow Sheriff Court to have a rerun of the election in Govan. Mr Sarwar, who has agreed to co-operate fully with the police investigation, has denied that he "bribed" another independent Labour candidate Islam Badar, who polled 319 votes.

According to the *News of the World*, Mr Sarwar handed over the money in a blue plastic carrier bag to Mr Badar, a former cricketer, while the two men sat in his white Mercedes.

Mr Badar, who was in hiding last night, alleges that he was asked by Mr Sarwar before the campaign to refrain from canvassing in order not to split the Labour vote. He says he did not canvass for a month after the *meeting*.

Mr Sarwar said in a statement yesterday: "The allegations made about me in today's newspapers are totally false. Therefore, in addition to co-operating with any police investigation, I will be consulting with my lawyers about taking out a writ for defamation."

The allegations are the latest in a series of alleged malpractices in the constituency during the election campaign. Strathclyde Police yesterday confirmed that they were already investigating claims by Mr Paton that voting was rigged and Mr Sarwar spent more than allowed on his campaign.

Mr Paton said last night: "I am demanding a rerun on the basis that the election was fundamentally flawed. I am considering raising a petition in Glasgow Sheriff Court and will be consulting my advisers."

He is entitled, as a candidate, to petition the court under the Representation of the People's Act 1983 if he has specific allegations of malpractice. If the court, sitting as an electoral court, agrees that there has been malpractice, then a rerun could be ordered. Any petition would have to be brought within three weeks of the election, a deadline which expires on Thursday.

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PAUL COUSANS

Karen Jones, from Wrexham, being comforted outside Old Trafford after hearing the news of Cantona's retirement

Cult hero Cantona retires with hint of theatre and film career

By David Maddox

ERIC CANTONA offered the most unpredictable twist last night to a career of surprises, by announcing his retirement from football.

Such is the cult of the Manchester United forward, who is 30, that he has transcended the sport. His decision invoked disbelief and anguish among the supporters who idolise him.

Cantona's capacity for the unpredictable may not have been exhausted. In announcing his retirement he hinted at a more exotic career. "I have played professional football for a long time, and now I wish to do other things," he said. That direction could be towards theatre and film. He has long expressed a desire to become a director, has recently financed the run of a stage play in Paris, and a film in which he starred *Le Bonheur est dans le Pré* is about to be released on video.

Hundreds of fans flocked to Old Trafford yesterday, unable to accept the awful truth. Finally, they had to. At 3.38 pm Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chairman, confirmed their worst fears. "Eric Cantona has indicated his wish to retire from football with immediate effect," he said.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, described the loss of the player in a manner which reflected the almost funereal atmosphere that had developed around the ground. "He has been a marvellous servant to Manchester United and we are here to pay tribute to him. He is certainly one of the greatest ever United players."

If there was a sense of shock in Ferguson's tone, then it was offset by his acceptance of the inevitability of Cantona's departure which reflected, perhaps, the harsh financial reality that is professional football these days.

Manchester United is a public company, and there is no room for sentiment, even towards a player who has done so much to generate its success. Cantona had long wanted to finish at the top of his profession and a failure to renew his contract and a search for his ultimate successor perhaps hastened his decision to quit. Ferguson hinted as much when he said: "I think we will find a player of his calibre again, because that's what happens in football — great players emerge all the time."

Manchester United has not closed the door on a return for Cantona and history suggests there is still hope of the legion of fans who were devastated by his announcement. Before arriving in England almost six years ago, he had retired from French football and did not kick a ball for three months.

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Cantona: unpredictable

Secret Nazi messages reveal Jews' slaughter

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

TOP SECRET decrypts of German police and SS telegraph traffic detailing the systematic *slaughter of Jews across Russia* and Ukraine in the Second World War will be released by the Public Record Office today.

The decrypts carried out by the Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park will reopen the debate about how much Churchill and the other Allied leaders knew of the early stages of Hitler's Final Solution. The declassified files will reveal overwhelming and gruesome evidence of a dedicated programme of executions, all logged by the Bletchley codebreakers.

However, John Fox, a lecturer *in Jewish history and Holocaust* studies at Jews' College in North London, said the declassified files would not prove that Allied governments were fully aware of the slaughter of Jews as part of official policy until late 1942. On December 17, 1942, the Allies declared an intention to prosecute Nazis for war crimes when the war ended.

Dr Fox said that although the decrypts of German police and SS traffic were passed to Churchill "at his request" and to the Joint Intelligence Committee, the breaking of the German Enigma code was such a guarded secret that "very few people knew about it".

Dr Fox has seen some of the files to be released today after decrypts carried out by Bletchley Park were declassified by the American National Security Agency last year under the Freedom of Information Act. *The*

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Prescott orders tough targets for water firms

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

SWEEPING changes in the way the water industry is run will be announced today by the Government *in an attempt to cut water* consumption, end waste and save rivers, lakes and beauty spots.

The measures are expected to include the setting of tough, legally binding, leak-reduction targets, a requirement that all companies should offer a free repair and leak-detection service for customers, free water audits for households and plans for the creation of a water saving trust.

The changes will be announced in London at the water summit ordered by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, responsible for the environment. It will be attended by the water industry, green groups, regulators and the environment agency.

The Government's plan, designed to modernise the industry and help to guarantee supplies and wildlife protection into the next century, comes after sharp criticism of the utilities by Labour *when it was in opposition*.

The water industry says that the attacks are unjustified and that it has been investing hundreds of millions of pounds in *improving a mains network* and infrastructure which, when water was state-owned, was becoming increasingly decrepit and starved of investment.

The water saving trust, backed by groups including the Royal Society for the Protection of

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Glasgow Muslim fulfilled political ambitions at price of controversy

Rags to riches story of MP with many enemies

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

OHAMMED SARWAR *has* ong been a controversial figure in Glasgow Govan, the eat *he now represents* as ritain's first Muslim MP.

Last week he was sworn in *sing the* Koran amid the plendour of Westminster. ut that triumph followed one f the most bitterly fought ampaigns of the general election. Yesterday, Mr Sarwar vas summoned to London by abour's Chief Whip, Nick Brown, to explain allegations f bribery and corruption.

Mr Sarwar has long maintained that he has been the ictim of a dirty-tricks campaign and he admits *that he* has made many enemies as he has pursued his goals of political and business power.

He was born in in Pakistan n 1952 into dire poverty. His ather *left the family when his* son was only four to try to make a living in Scotland. In *the following 17 years*, Mr Sarwar saw his father only once but regular cheques arrived *from* Mr Sarwar's father who was working as an itinerant clothes-seller.

In 1973 Mr Sarwar's father sent for the family to join him in Scotland, but by then Mr Sarwar was 22 and no longer classed as a dependent. He had to stay behind in Pakistan. Three years later, his uncle Ghalam visited him in Pakistan taking with him his *daughter Perveen, then* 17. Mr Sarwar and Perveen married in Muslim and Church of Scotland ceremonies 20 years ago and settled with Perveen's parents in a three-bedroomed council flat in Glasgow's Maryhill.

The couple did not take a holiday for ten years, working in the family's corner shop from 9am till 7pm, seven days a week.

But the shop could not support the entire family, and Mr Sarwar and his brother Ramzan looked for new opportunities. When a local egg wholesaler went bust, they *seized their chance, buying* hundreds of cases of cut-price eggs which they delivered to *Asian corner shops around* Glasgow, making a profit of 50p on each of the cases.

From there the brother's cash and carry business, United Wholesale, was born. The *business has an annual* turnover of more than £80 million. Mr and Mrs Sarwar own half the shares although Mrs Sarwar denies that the couple are millionaires. "We are comfortable, that's true, but talk of millionaires is nonsense."

The couple have four children, who are privately educated. The family live in a large Victorian sandstone house in Pollokshields, the upmarket end of the constituency.

Mr Sarwar's business ambitions have grown in tandem with his political ambitions. "Politics is my addiction," he says. "Ever since I was a teenager I have wanted to change the world, to join with those who are trying to reduce the gap between rich and poor."

When the Pakistan People's Party was founded in 1967 Sarwar, then a 15 year-old schoolboy, joined. He was encouraged by Benazir Bhutto to take up politics in Pakistan after he left university. In *Scotland he became president* of the PPP, a post he held until 1992.

He has been a member of the Labour Party for ten years and was elected Labour coun*cillor for Pollokshields in 1992.* His ambition has been to become a secular figurehead for Britain's three million Muslims.

But despite his fundraising for a Glasgow mosque and his election as secretary of the Central mosque in 1986, he does not have the backing of the entire Asian population in the constituency.

Mike MacLean, the editor of *Scottish Asian Voice* says it is a mistake to speak of the "Asian vote". He says: "The way the community lives, works and thinks makes it so fragmented that you can't split it on race, creed or business lines."

DAVID DYSON

Mohammed Sarwar arriving at Heathrow from Glasgow yesterday

Party makes uneasy progress in wooing minorities

By Arthur Leathley

ALTHOUGH the Labour Party proudly hailed Mohammed Sarwar as Britain's first Muslim MP, the party has sometimes had a strained relationship with the Muslim community in recent years.

Roy Hattersley, Labour's former deputy leader, was driven to complain about the party's attitude to the ethnic population, particularly the large Muslim element, in inner-city Birmingham.

Mr Hattersley intervened in a protracted dispute in which the Asian community was accused of trying to force out one of three white MPs. A party inquiry into claims that more than 250 mainly Asian members had breached party rules by not being on the electoral roll led to four constituency parties being suspended.

However, Mr Hattersley, former MP for one of the seats, Sparkbrook, took up the Asian cause by writing to Labour's National Executive Committee: "A large number of the complaints [about membership irregularities] amount to complaints that Muslims have behaved like Muslims." He urged the party high command to ensure that an Asian candidate was selected for one of the seats to reflect the wish of the multi-ethnic community to be represented by someone from a minority.

Labour has emphasised its keenness to field more ethnic minority candidates but acknowledges that the policy has created some unforeseen difficulties. Strong campaigns by Asian activists to secure a candidate have prompted fierce internal disputes in several inner-city seats across Britain. In Manchester Gorton, Gerald Kaufman, the former shadow Foreign Secretary, survived Asian attempts to deselect him. The dispute boiled over when the Labour leadership suspended an Asian member and later had to apologise after admitting a case of mistaken identity.

A senior Labour figure said: "There is a problem when any section of a party *is significantly* more active than the majority of members. It doesn't matter whether it is left-wing, female, *Muslim* or whatever. *It is not* racist to say that many Asian members campaign more actively, some would say aggressively, for their cause." Labour leaders are aware of charges of infiltration of local parties by Asian members. Roger Godsiff, who eventually won the selection for the merged Birmingham Small Heath and Sparkbrook seats, called for a full review of Labour's membership rules to guard against "entryism" by any faction.

The party was forced to intervene amid allegations of membership irregularities when the *Bradford* West constituency party attempted to oust its MP, Max Madden. Two *wards were suspended after allega*tions of irregularities were upheld.

Prescott stalls restart of tunnel freight

By Arthur Leathley and Jason Nisse

JOHN PRESCOTT is to block the reopening of the Channel Tunnel to freight shuttle services until he receives firm assurances over safety improvements.

The Deputy Prime Minister will tomorrow meet senior managers at Eurotunnel, the tunnel operator, amid French fears that he will step in to prevent the resumption of services suspended since last November's fire. A delayed restart would increase financial pressure on the debt-laden company, which has heavy French investment.

The six-month suspension *of the freight shuttle service* and repair work to the fire-damaged tunnel has has cost *around* £200 million and Eurotunnel shareholders, who are mainly French, are anxious for an early restart.

The French Government is concerned that Britain is hardening its stance over the freight service which Eurotunnel and French ministers are anxious to restart next month. They had hoped that permission would be granted at Anglo-French talks last week. But Mr Prescott instructed British officials at the talks not to approve the resumption until he receives personal assurances that a £20 million safety improvement programme will be implemented swiftly.

Observers at the talks reported a last-minute hardening of the British delegation's position after Mr Prescott had criticised Eurotunnel's safety procedures. If officials cannot reach agreement at Thursday's Anglo-French meeting, ministers may be drawn into the discussions.

Last week's Channel Tunnel Safety Authority report into the fire was described by Mr Prescott as "an indictment of poor operating procedures and practices by Eurotunnel". *He welcomed the report's 36 recommendations for safety improvements and demanded that Eurotunnel implement* the changes "promptly and in full". He was said to be *worried that the safety author*ity did not lay down a timetable and he will demand *tomorrow that Eurotunnel* sets out a clear plan for introducing equipment changes *within months.*

Mr Prescott is also to press Eurotunnel to commit itself to *intensive* work to change the design of its lattice-sided train wagons. Although he acknowledges that an immediate ban on the wagons is unrealistic, he is determined to obtain assurances that Eurotunnel will look urgently at ways of improving them.

Tougher rules due on animal exports

Ministers will today launch plans for an overhaul of the export of animals for slaughter. The Government is expected to clamp down on welfare abuses, which have prompted demonstrations by animal activists at ports.

The move will be coupled with fast implementation of existing laws to raise animal export standards. The review, carried out by officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, will cover all aspects of the export process, *including loading* and food and drink supplies.

Wet and wild

Torrential rain and thunder*storms* caused flooding in parts of eastern and south-west England. Almost a month's rain — 1½in — fell in two hours in parts of Somerset. Freak winds in the village of Wootton, near Bedford, *damaged* the roofs of 25 homes in one road.

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Holiday ends

More than 500 *German* holidaymakers whose cruise ship *Albatross* was holed in rough *seas off the Isles of Scilly* began the first leg of their journey home yesterday, on a ferry *that took them to* Penzance. The liner apparently struck bottom in shallow *waters off the* island of St Mary.

Seal rescued

A seal trapped in a reservoir at the Dungeness B nuclear power station, Kent, was lured to take a rest on a specially lowered platform, and hoisted away. *It* was taken *to* a seal sanctuary in Norfolk for checks, and will be freed at sea.
was driven to a seal sanctuary in Norfolk.

Sinn Fein stunt

Sinn Fein's two new MPs will today attempt to gain entry to the Palace of Westminster. Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness will arrive in the hope of picking up their passes before they are barred from using Commons facilities at the end of the debate on the Queen's Speech tomorrow.

MI5 opens up

MI5 is to release secret files from its origins in 1909 to 1918 to the Public Record Office, the first time that its archives have been made public. This week it is to advertise for graduate recruits, specifically naming the Security Service as the employer, also for the first time.

MPs prepare for Bill to ban hunt

By James Landale, Political Reporter

MPs OPPOSED to field *sports* are expected to begin moves this week to put a law banning hunting before the Commons. They hope that one of their supporters will be among the small number of MPs selected for a Private Members' Bill.

The Bill is expected to focus on banning the hunting of foxes and deer with hounds. However, it is remains unclear whether the Government is willing to spare parliamentary time this session to give a ban the chance of reaching the statute book.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, was yesterday forced to *deny reports that the Govern*ment itself was preparing its own Bill to ban hunting. Speaking *on Breakfast with Frost*, he confirmed, however, Labour's manifesto commitment to give MPs a free vote on a ban. He had not decided which way he would vote. "It is not an issue on which I have ever felt profoundly strongly."

Kevin Saunders, of the League Against Cruel Sports, estimated that 75 per cent of the new House of Commons was opposed to hunting. "I expect the legislation to be brought forward as a Private Members' Bill," he said. "This will be a high-profile Bill. It is going to be quite attractive for a new MP who wants to make a name for him or herself."

Many of the new MPs have backgrounds as animal welfare campaigners. Angela Smith, Labour MP for Basildon, used to work for the League Against Cruel Sports. Roger Casale, Labour MP for Wimbledon, used his *opposition to field sports to oust* his Tory predecessor, Charles Goodison-Wicks, chairman of *the British Field Sports Society*.

Many Labour MPs will take their cue from Tony Blair, who has said publicly that he is personally opposed to fox hunting — which he considers "particularly vicious" — and will vote against it.

Water firms

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Birds (RSPB), the House of Commons Environment Com*mittee and the Environment* Agency, is likely to mirror the Energy Saving Trust funded *partly by profits from the* electricity industry. It gets about £44 million a year and pays for installing energy-saving devices.

A water saving trust will use water companies' profits to install "water-miserly" devices such as low-flush lavatories in thousands of homes a year. It could also act as a research body helping to promote progammes to develop more low-water-use dishwashers, washing machines and other appliances.

Barbara Young, RSPB chief executive, said yesterday that higher abstraction licence charges should be made on water companies, industry and farmers who "are paying little for water because of historical arrangements".

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Nazi codes

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Bletchley Park files are from archives held by GCHQ, the *Government's eavesdropping* centre in Cheltenham, and the successor to the Government *Code and Cypher School.*

They will reveal how meticulous the German police and SS were in recording the murder of thousands of Jews during 1941 and 1942. Dr Fox said: "You get the impression of a huge military operation."

The bulk of the executions were carried out by the police, known as Ordnungspolizei, in alliance with the SS. They listed executions under two headings: "cleansing operations" and "action according to the use of war".

Evidence of the scale of the murders is recorded in *British Intelligence in the Second World War*, the official war history by Professor Sir Harry Hinsley and three co-authors. On August 7, 1941, for example, the commander of police in the central sector of Russia reported that 30,000 executions had been completed.

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Cantona created Manchester United in his own image: majestic, insufferable, compelling

From football talisman to national cultural icon

By Simon Barnes

ERIC CANTONA, never previously seen as the retiring type, has retired. It is not too much to say that he leaves a gaping hole in national life. There is a footballing cliché much in vogue: "talisman". It is *the* Cantona word: the *mot juste* in fact.

Cantona came to English football in 1992 after a previous retirement, leaving French football in sulking disgrace, before landing at Leeds United and helping them to win the league championship. But Leeds found him uncomfortable and sold him to Manchester United for £1 million. It was the steal of the decade. For Cantona gave Manchester United more than his skill. He gave them his style.

Unsufferable arogance. Immaculate self-belief. "I only know one way to take penalties," he said. "And that is to score them." He turned up his collar and walked with his shoulder-blades touching. He walked on to a football pitch as if he was doing the grass a favour.

Every Manchester United player took on a little of his style, his swagger, his belief. The backheel: that was the most obvious part of it. The backheel — flicking the ball back the wrong way — is essentially a paradox: always showy and sometimes devastating.

Cantona launches his infamous kung-fu attack

In his career as a French footballer, Cantona was hindered by the lack of langauge barrier. But in England he was free in perfect incomprehensibility. And adored: the hero of his own myth, one he himself believed unquestioningly. Cantona's genius was to infect his entire team, and its following, with this belief: because of it, Manchester United are succesful as never before, resented as never before, followed as never before. Cantona created Manchester United in his own image: majestic, insufferable, compelling.

Manchester United won the Championship four times in the five Cantona Years: before his coming they had not won it since 1967. The year they failed came after his eight-month ban from the game. This was the result of the extraordinary kung-fu incident, when he launched his famous flying kick at an abusive Crystal Palace fan.

It was inevitable that Cantona would go for the flashy overhead kick when a mere rabbit punch would have sufficed. But Cantona was always a man with an aversion to the ordinary.

Perversity is his nature. Had all footballers been philosophers and artists, Cantona would have been a moronic Rambo fan. Things being otherwise, Cantona loved to emphasise his taste for Rimbaud, and to act the philosophiser. His not terribly gnomic remark — "When the seagulls follow the trawler, it is because they think that sardines will be thrown into the sea" — was the perfect example of Cantona overacting the part that is himself.

Perhaps the ultimate accolade came with a painting, a renaissance spoof by the Manchester artist Michael Browne, blaspehmously depicting Cantona as the risen Christ. From footballing talisman to national cultural icon.

But Cantona has been a lesser footballer this season. Some trace his decline to a penalty miss in Septmeber: a miss that shattered his self-belief. His retirement may be no more than the latest sulk and it would be no earth-shattering surprise were he to unretire once again.

But even if so, this is a momentous passing. There are many contenders for the First Modern Footballer: only one possibility for the first Post-Modern Footballing Man. He once said: "*Viellir ne signifie pas qu'il faille trahir sa jeunesse, ses excès.*" Growing old doesn't mean you have to betray your youth, your excesses.

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Shocked faithful at Old Trafford face the future without their retiring hero

By Russell Jenkins

DISBELIEVING fans headed, almost by instinct, towards the ticket office car park at the Old Trafford football stadium yesterday afternoon to discover whether the unthinkable was true.

There they stood, adults and children together, as if in grief, to mourn the decision of their idol who decided, as he headed towards the venerable age of 31, to hang up his boots. One sported a hurriedly scrawled poster which read: "The King has Gone, Long live the King. Thanks for everything Eric." Gordon Haime, 21, a security worker who lives in Warrington, Cheshire, a United fan all his life, summed up the bleak mood. He said: "Manchester is a different place today. It is a black day. Eric was the king of Manchester."

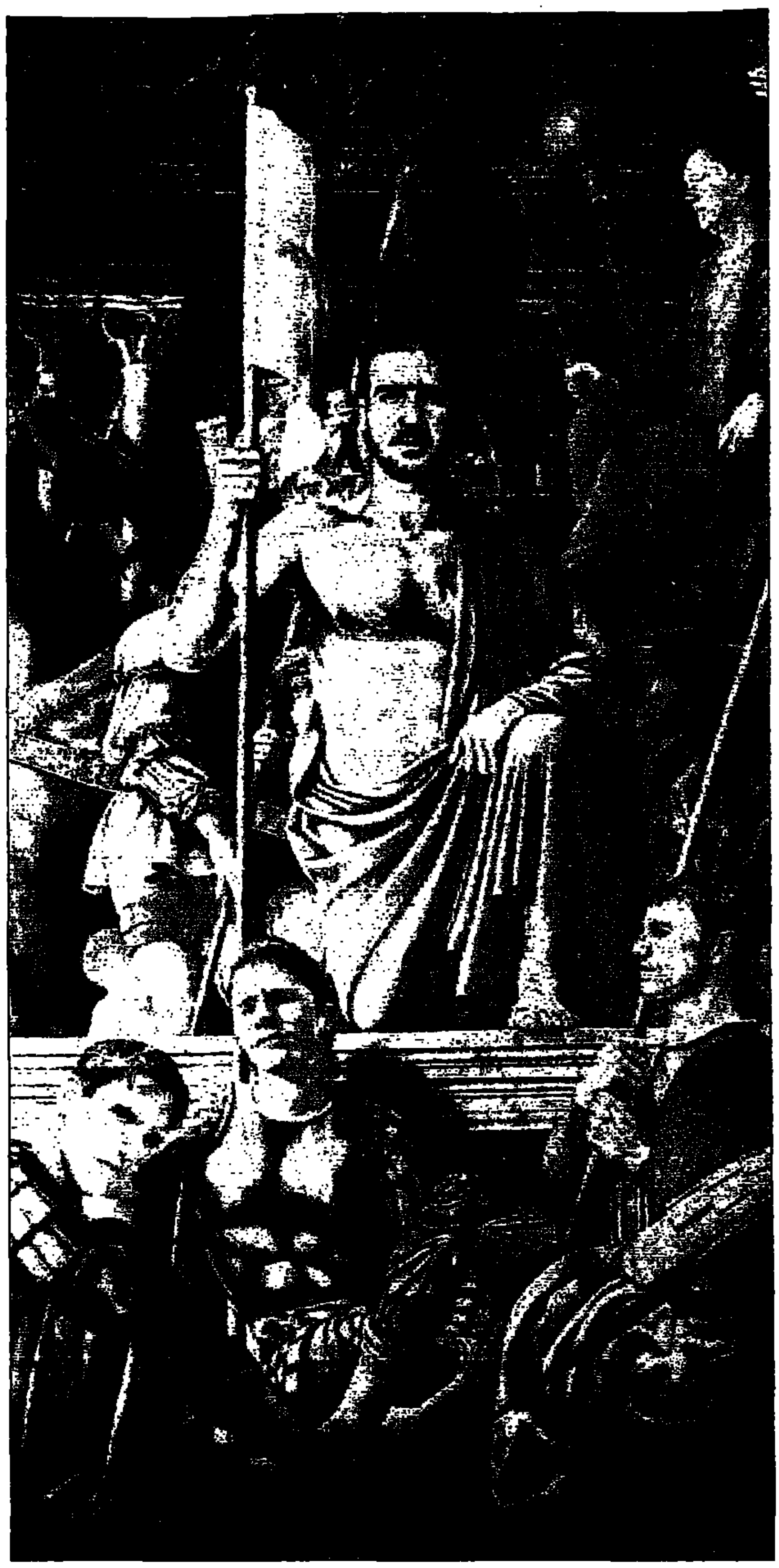
The fans had assumed that he would stay on for one last season and have one more attempt at putting United's name on the European Champions League trophy. Cantona had other ideas. He left behind a terse statement as he and his family, wife Isabelle and children Raphael and Josephine, headed off for a long holiday. The fans, gathering outside the stadium in their red shirts and scarves, at first speculated hopefully that their hero would change his mind. Then they tried to assign blame for his sudden departure on the press.

Terence Walsh, 34, from Moston, Greater Manchester, said: "I am gutted. I cannot find words strong enough. He has gone. He was the impetus behind the team and now he has gone from Old Trafford. There is a lot of talk of Juninho coming here.

"I don't think anybody could do what he has done. Just his presence on the pitch could make the difference in some games. He always made the team play well. This is a sad day for United."

Marcel Waight, 21, from Wythenshawe, said: "Alex Ferguson should have persuaded him to stay another 12 months at least. He is the inspiration on the pitch and in the club. All the youth team players look up to him."

Mark Irving, 24, from Warrington, said: "This is the ultimate in going out at the top. The club waited 26 long years. We have never had a prolific goalscorer and a player who could change a game in an instant."



The United captain portrayed as the risen Christ by Michael Browne

Chelsea savours taste of success

By Damian Whitworth

WHEN Chelsea last won the FA Cup 27 years ago it is a safe bet that the fans who thronged along Fulham Broadway were not sustained during the wait for their heroes by ciabatta sandwiches.

Yesterday the *Sundancer* Café was doing a roaring trade in Zolas (parma ham, mozzarella and tomato) and a concoction of salami and pepperoni which the owner claims is a favourite with Roberto di Matteo, a customer and the scorer of the fastest goal in the history of a Wembley cup final.

Sacha Vitorovich, who is from Italy via Belgrade, has a sharp business eye. He opened his cafe, in a prime spot opposite the Fulham town hall and an olive stone's throw from Stamford Bridge, six weeks ago as Italian fever gripped this part of west London. The success of Ruud Gullit's cosmopolitan team had much to do with his Italian trio of di Matteo, Gianfranco Zola and, for a couple of minutes on Saturday, Gianluca Vialli.

Di Matteo waved at his sandwich maker as the open-topped coach inched past through an exuberant crowd. Scotland Yard estimated that up to 60,000 fans filled neighbouring streets. Many had been there since dawn, having partied all night after the 2-0 defeat of Middlesbrough.

Gullit said a few words that were relayed inaudibly over a PA system and Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport and Chelsea fan, was equally incomprehensible. The crowd cheered anyway. The players then disappeared inside the town hall for a civic reception. Much of the crowd returned to the pubs.

In Middlesbrough, Wembley's vanquished returned home to an enthusiastic reception — despite two cup final defeats and relegation. The team also toured in an open-topped bus.

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Theme-park flag and anthem give UK plc an identity crisis

Same colours, new look: the image consultancy flag

By Alan Hamilton and Kathryn Knight

TIRED old Britain needs a new brand image, and the first things to go should be the national flag and the national anthem, according to a design consultancy which specialises in buffing up the corporate identity of major companies.

New, improved Britain should make its brand name snappier by dropping the word "Great". It should cast aside the 196-year-old Union Jack, with its intricate overlapping of the crosses of St George, St Andrew and St Patrick, in favour of a bold red and blue design with the word "Britain" emblazoned in white. And it should cease imploring God to save our gracious Queen, and sing instead of green fields and spires, lakes and sea shores.

Wolff Olins, the image consultancy which turned British Telecom into BT, says business leaders believe that the country's image is trapped in a heritage theme-park past of the Tower of London and the Changing of the Guard. The image speaks to the world of poor industrial relations and the late delivery of goods, it says.

John Williamson, a senior partner at the agency, which unveiled its proposed corporate image for UK plc on BBC2's *The Money Programme* last night, said: "We need to create a new modern national brand — a new brand for the new millennium." According to research by the agency, conducted since February, people who buy a German car, Japanese hi-fi or Italian suit are influenced by the reputation of the country as well as by the individual brand.

Some business leaders supported the redesign. Nicholas Scheele, chairman of Jaguar Cars, agreed that the country's brand image had fallen behind the times. Robert Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, said the airline was about to unveil a new logo that put less emphasis on the national flag. "We want to be more cosmopolitan, more informal, but to keep the good qualities we have as a country."

However, Audrey Baxter, managing director of her family's Scottish-based soup and canned food business, said: "We are in danger of throwing the baby out with the bathwater. What's wrong with the Union Jack? Why not use the Union Jack?"

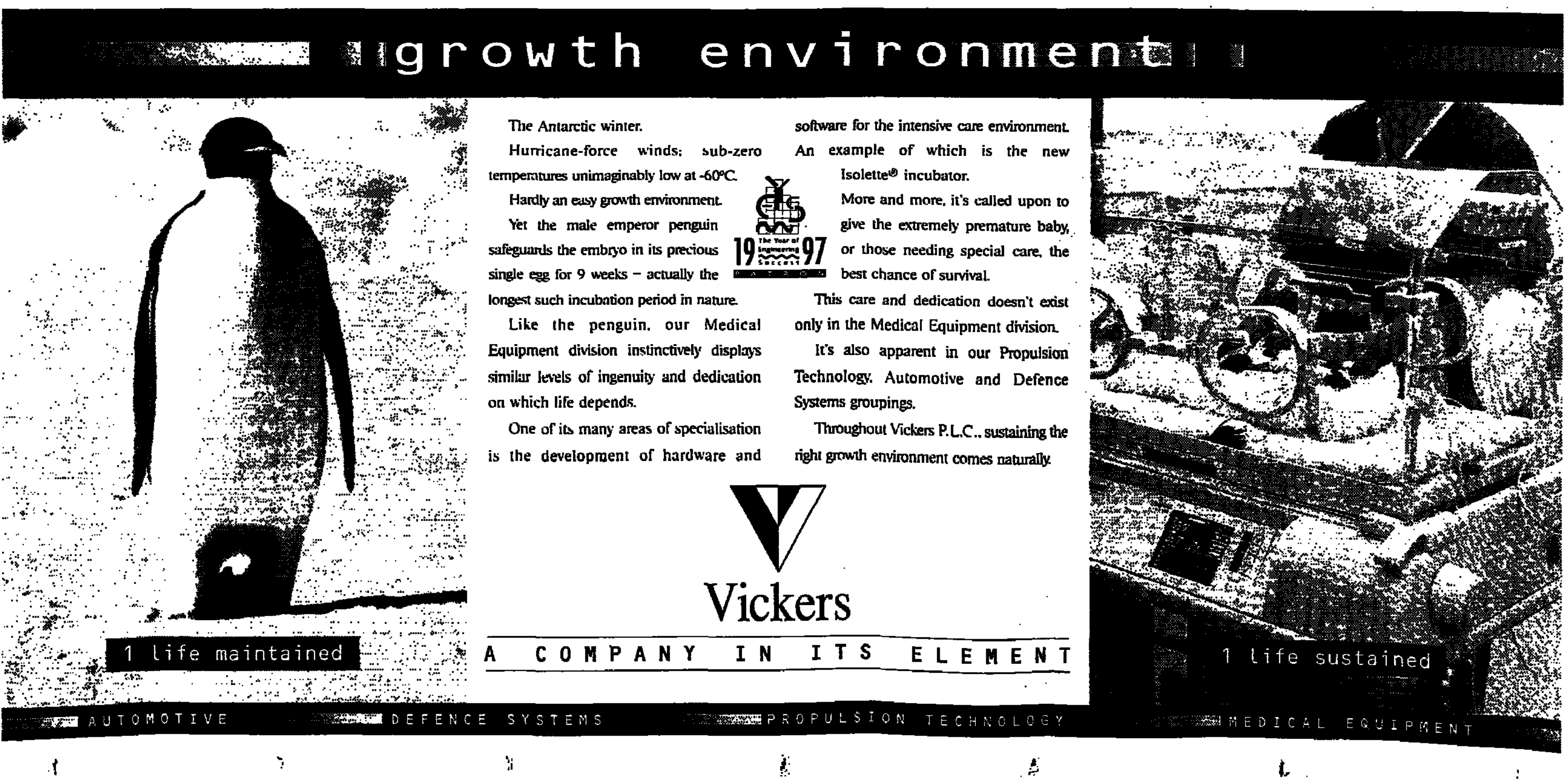
Wolff Olins is the country's leading branding and identity specialist. Its past multimillion-pound redesigns have included colouring the famous ICI logo blue, changing the typeface and making the lines underneath less wobbly. But perhaps its greatest gift to civilisation was to kill off Buzby, the intensely irritating bird that advertised the telephone service.

Less impressive is the consultancy's proposal for a national anthem, sung to a tune that has echoes of a ponderous Welsh hymn. "Green fields and spires, lakes and sea shores/Our towns and our cities, our goal to be more/A fusion of peoples, united, one shore/Our Britain, our culture, the world is our door."

Nor is it entirely clear why the proposed new flag needs the word "Britain" on it, given that the present one, which does not, is one of the most recognisable emblems in the world.

☐ Buckingham Palace yesterday emphatically denied a report that the Queen and her courtiers objected to the presidential style of Tony Blair's walkabout on his way to the State Opening of Parliament.

Palace officials poured scorn on a newspaper's suggestion that, with his informal style and breakneck pace of reform, Mr Blair was stealing the royal clothes. "It is inaccurate, nonsenical rubbish. The only thing that is accurate in the story is the spelling of the prime minister's name," a spokesman said.



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Tiniest water company has good service on tap

Nick Nuttall samples the wares of a firm that has no need of the tough targets that are to be imposed on the major privatised water suppliers by John Prescott

BRITAIN'S smallest water company stands high and dry above the wrangles over leakage rates, drought and fat-cat salaries that wash over the rest of the industry, and which will be brought into focus today at the Government's water summit.

The 3,000 customers served by Cholderton and District Water Company in Wiltshire enjoy low bills, unrestricted supplies and some of the cleanest drinking water in the country. The company estimates its leakage rate at 5 per cent, compared with nearly 40 per cent for Thames Water.

Henry Edmunds, the managing director of Cholderton, runs it from a village farmhouse. He said yesterday: "I did a hosepipe ban about ten years ago. But since then we haven't needed one. We do not look favourably on sprinklers, however. I have a duty to get water to people for essential use and I do not look on them as essential."

In the past two years the company's water has complied 100 per cent with European standards, according to the Government's Drinking Water Inspectorate. Public service remains central to the company's ethos, echoing its origins. Cholderton was set up in 1904 by Henry Stephens, the philanthropic MP for Finchley and great-grandfather of Mr Edmunds.

"We repair all leaks immediately," said Mr Edmunds, who, in contrast to the smart company cars and suits sported by the heads of the big water firms, travels to meetings and checks customers' complaints in a Land Rover and army-style fatigues.

"Just the other day one of our customers had a nasty leak under their drive. I was looking at their bill and I thought, 'That's way too high'," he said. "So we went round and installed three meters, changed all the piping on the property, which is not actually the company's responsibility.

"The whole thing was done for free. But it should result in savings for the customer and should save us water."

Mr Edmunds, who has a staff of three, says the company is making great strides in metering, in line with government, regulator and environment agency recommendations to conserve water. "Three years ago around half a dozen customers were on meters. Now it's over 100."

The firm, which supplies about 800 homes, farms and businesses in the villages of Cholderton, Wiltshire, and Shipton Bellinger, Hampshire, pumps 55 million gallons a year from one main and one standby borehole.

Bills, which cover only supply and not sewerage, are nevertheless some of the lowest in the country, at about £120 a year. Mr Edmunds admitted he was concerned about the drought and dwindling resources but believes the company can manage and has, unlike many privatised water companies, retained the goodwill of customers.

"I imagine we will have to bring on line the standby borehole sometime this year. But we send out circulars to customers telling them that every pint they are using is affecting the groundwater and rivers. They do respond."

Mr Edmunds attributes the company's success to its size and the customers' pride in having a local supplier. "There were once small, statutory water companies across the country. But they have been amalgamated or taken over. We are the last. Being small means we are right on top of the job. If customers have complaints they come straight to me and they get sorted out very quickly."

Malcolm Brown of Country Leisure, a Cholderton company of 30 employees that makes water-slides and other equipment, said: "We use Henry's water for toilets, drinking, washing and steam-cleaning. Never been a problem, always good pressure, plenty of supply and very drinkable, clear and nice. His prices are next to nothing."

ASHLEY COOMBES

Henry Edmunds on his company's covered reservoir in Wiltshire, serving 800 properties in two villages

Elephants find deep meanings with trunk calls

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

ELEPHANTS communicate using deep rumbling calls too low for the human ear to hear, research in the Amboseli National Park in Kenya has shown. Dr Karen McComb, an animal behaviourist from the University of Sussex, has recorded calls made by females, and shown that individuals may recognise the calls of as many as 150 others.

Their response depends on how well they know the caller. "Such extensive networks of vocal communication have not been demonstrated in any other mammal," she says.

The aim of her research, carried out in collaboration with Cynthia Moss, is to understand the social structure of the elephants, which is based on a series of family units consisting of adult females and their young. These families are very mobile, forming "bond groups" with closely-allied families, and looser groupings with other families living further away.

"Elephants seem to be doing quite complex social things," she says. "They are not just sitting there and communicating with their immediate neighbours."

The early hunters believed that the noises made by elephants were the rumbling of their stomachs, but they are in fact sounds produced by vocal cords so huge that the basic frequency is 20 cycles per second or less, below the range of human audibility. "We can hear them because we hear the harmonics that go up into the audible range" she says. "But we don't hear them as the elephants do."

She has made a library of recordings of the calls of individual elephants, and played them back through a specially-designed speaker. The tests show that the elephants responded positively to the contact calls of family and bond group members, moving in the direction of the call and calling back.

When they hear the call of a stranger, however, they either ignore it or become agitated. By comparing these responses with detailed records of the elephants' relationships and movements, she found that the elephants' response depends on their familiarity with those calling.

"What we found is that the ones they see fairly regularly, they tend to ignore. The ones they get bothered by are the ones they don't see very often," she says. Because the sounds are such low frequency, they carry a long way, and can be recognised from at least 1.5 kilometres.

"It's amazing when you see an elephant turn towards a sound you yourself cannot even hear," she says. Some people have argued that alarm signals can be heard over even greater distances.

She has recently received a grant from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, and intends to return to Amboseli in July. The question to be answered is what enables elephants to develop such large networks of communication.

"Elephants move around a lot, so they are exposed to a lot of signals," she says. "But it may also be to do with experience — do the groups with the oldest elephants have larger networks because they have had longer to learn?"

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Swampy's scruffy airport army gets rations from women who live in Styal

Matt, Denise and Muppet Pete, who occupy a tunnel dug on the Manchester runway site

ANTHONY UPTON

Sylvia Selfe and Gaynor Trafford taking care of Muttley, one of the protesters' dogs. They have "come to know the protesters as family"

Volvo wives take home comforts to eco-warriors

By Stephen Farrell

SWAMPY and fellow eco-warriors seeking to halt construction of Manchester Airport's second runway have found unlikely allies. Each morning a Volvo-load of middle-class housewives arrives with supplies for their campsites near Styal, Cheshire.

The battle over the £172 million development enters its final stage this week as bailiffs prepare to evict Swampy — Daniel Hooper — and the other protesters.

The impending clash is unlikely to deter the women in Barbour coats and Hunter wellingtons who joke about having become "surrogate mums" to the dreadlocked and nose-pierced protesters occupying ancient Bollin Valley woodland, through which local children have ridden family ponies for years.

Politely asking permission from security guards to pass through gates in the airport's 10ft razorwire fencing, the women from Mobberley climb over defensive earthworks to bring day-old loaves, French sticks and doughnuts supplied free by a local baker. With Middle England efficiency they have organised a rota to ensure regular deliveries to dirt-encrusted activists in the five main camps known as Flywood Babylon Council Estate, Sir Cliff Richard OBE Vegan Revolution, Ziontree, Wild Garlic and Jimi Hendrix.

The women's duties include recharging the activists' mobile telephones and car batteries and filling water containers from garden hoses. Two weeks ago they threw a huge picnic for the mainly vegetarian protesters, with vegan chillies, quiches, fruit and soya milk, laid out on garden tables in front of the bewildered airport security staff.

Drawing on years of experience preparing school lunchboxes, they gave each protester a sealed "eviction box" containing crisps, biscuits, mineral water and puzzles, with strict instructions that the packs were not to be raided until the bailiffs move in.

Gaynor Trafford, 44, a housewife, and Sylvia Selfe, 52, a company director, said that their husbands supported their actions but preferred to spend their spare time playing golf and leading the Scout troop. Mrs Trafford, dressed in a bright pink pullover and multicoloured jacket more at home on ski slopes, carries a mobile telephone to pass on shopping requests from her new friends, and complains that her Suzuki four-wheel drive vehicle is followed everywhere by police.

"We have come to know the protesters as family over the last four months," she said. "We bring them back for baths, do their washing, carry out a litle puppy-minding and act as agony aunts. Some locals do say to us the runway will create a lot of jobs for the area but most people in Mobberley are firmly against it and support these youngsters. They have been no trouble at all. I have had to promise my husband I won't get arrested but I'm afraid I won't be able to just stand by and do nothing when the evictions start."

Mrs Selfe good-naturedly shrugs off teasing about her insistence on wearing nail polish and starched white collars when carrying binliners full of fruit and buns through muddy fields. She admits her two Gordon setters took time to adjust to sharing their garden with a collection of protesters' mongrels with such names as Mutley and Muppet, but shrieks with laughter at the thought of getting further involved.

She will not be occupying a 60ft treehouse: her fear of heights leaves her unable even to climb unaided the flight of steps down to the camps. "An awful lot of people feel the way we do but don't want to get involved. We just really, really don't want this runway on our doorstep. This is such a lovely valley," she said.

Eighty activists occupy the six camps on the A538 Wilmslow to Manchester road. The settlements are an untidy collection of ragged tents, tree walkways and firepits behind makeshift drawbridges and barbed-wire-filled moats, unlikely to trouble the bulldozers for more than a few minutes.

The airport won planning permission for the 3,050-metre runway after a 101-day public inquiry in 1995. It claims the expansion will create 50,000 jobs and boost capacity from 15 million to 30 million passengers by 2005.

Graham Stringer, Labour MP for Manchester Blackley and chairman of Manchester Airport, has little time for the protesters' arguments or tactics, and puts them in the same social group as their local helpers.

"They are unrepresentative hypocrites who are damaging the environment they claim to protect and damaging the prospects of unemployed people," he said. "They should go back to their comfortable middle-class homes in the South. They come from the same part of the political spectrum as fascists."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Aboriginal seeks the head of ancestor

An Aboriginal politician is due to meet the Home Secretary Jack Straw this week to seek the return of the head of an ancestor buried on Merseyside. Yagan, a renowned tribal leader, was murdered in 1833. His preserved head came into the possession of Liverpool Museum, which recommended its disposal in 1964. It was buried in Everton Cemetery and now lies beneath the graves of 20 stillborn babies. Ken Colbung, who arrives from Australia tomorrow, also hopes to meet the babies' families.

Veterans ditch

Two German men aged 69 and 72 ditched their motorised glider at St Margaret's Bay, near Dover. The two had been attempting to fly to Lydd airport from Calais with seven similar planes when they became lost in fog. Only one reached Lydd.

Soldiers die in car

Three British soldiers were killed when their car collided with a truck on a busy road in southeast Cyprus. Witnesses said that the car came to rest in a field, trapping all three. The accident happened at lunchtime. The men, based at Dhekelia, were not named.

Palace by phone

Buckingham Palace has introduced a telephone line for members of the public visiting over the summer to book their tickets by credit card. Visitors can make a booking by dialling 0171-321 2233. The State Apartments open on August 8.

Plastic deterrent

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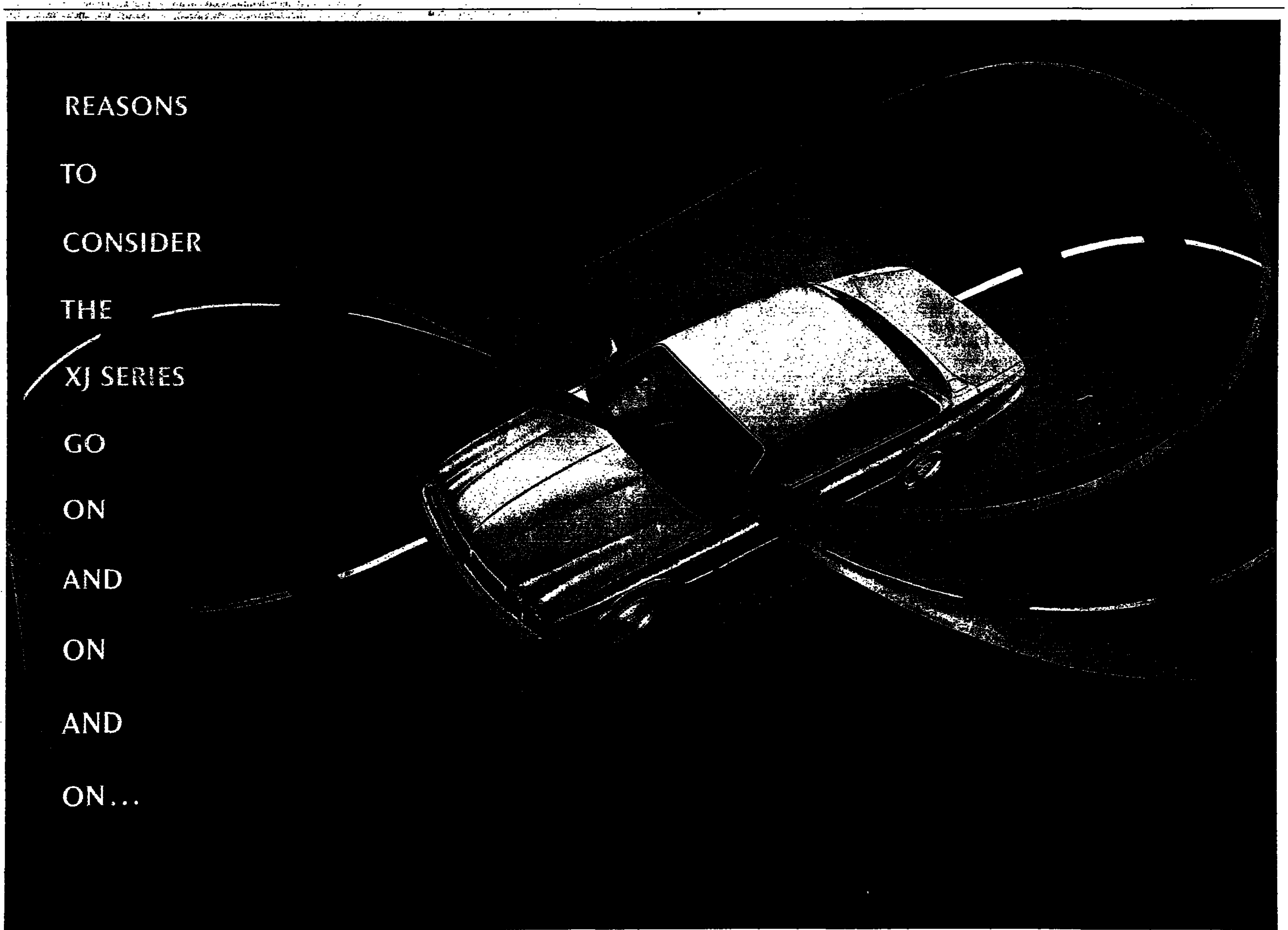

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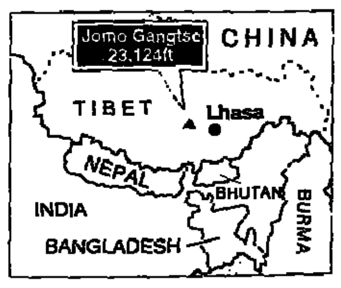

By Daniel McGrory

A BRITISH climber plans to be the first to scale a peak in Tibet that nobody in the West knew existed. John Town believes that at 23,124 ft, Jomo Gangtse — "Mother of Snow Hill" — is the highest unscaled mountain in the world.

He "found" the peak by chance while poring over satellite maps in the archives of the Royal Geographical Society. Mr Town, 44, noticed the 7,048-metre peak jutting above a range that neither explorers nor climbers had heard of.

"I stared at it several times, turned the map upside down until I was sure," he said. "It is like an astronomer finding a new star, a once-in-a-lifetime experience. But the advantage for a mountaineer is that we can reach our discovery."

Mr Town, who is the Academic Secretary for Bradford University, has been given permission by China to lead a British expedition to make the first attempt to climb Jomo Gangtse in July. "There is a race on. The Japanese are furious we found it and unless we climb it at our first attempt, then you can be sure they will be right behind us."

STEVE FORREST

John Town will lead an expedition to Tibet's Jomo Gangtse mountain, previously unknown to the West. He believes it is the world's highest unclimbed peak

The Chinese authorities confirmed the existence of Jomo Gangtse on a 1989 military map after charting the remote Tibetan plateau with the help of American satellite technology. Previously the peak had been mistaken for a much smaller neighbour.

"The Chinese are still very sensitive and secretive about this area and we climbers are not meant to see such detailed maps," Mr Town said. "This is still such a mystery mountain in that there are only satellite images of it and no photo. We won't know what it looks like or the best way to climb it until we get there."

His expedition will begin its journey on yak and will have just a month to discover a route across a glacier to the upper snow slopes and then to complete its climb to the summit. "The money will run out after that and none of us can get any more time off work," Mr Town said. "The weather will not be at its best but we cannot delay any longer or somebody else will beat us to it." He expects the expedition to cost £23,000 but so far only half the money has been raised.

There are 14 peaks, including Everest, that are more than 8,000 m high. "The trouble is they have all been surveyed and climbed so many times there is nothing new to discover about them," Mr Town said. "It is thought that there are 400 peaks that rise above 7,000 m and all are in Central Asia but only a handful appear on the Tibetan plateau."

The other members of the expedition will be Richard Wojtaszewski, 32, his wife Alyson Starling, 33, Huw Davies, 33, and Tony Ward, 29. None has climbed such a high peak before.

Jomo Gangtse lies at the southern end of the Nyanchen Tangla range at its junction with the 600-mile long Gangdise chain, a day's drive from the capital, Lhasa. Mr Town is relying on Chinese maps to guide him, many of which date from the past century. Most were compiled by Indian travellers, known as Pundits, who dared not spend much time calculating heights accurately. They surveyed the area for the Raj in the 19th century, disguising themselves as local people and their instruments as religious artefacts for fear of being captured.

Mr Town, from Ilkley, west Yorkshire, who is married with two children, said: "It's thrilling to think old Jomo has been there for thousands of years and no one knew it. The Chinese are still very secretive about it all but there is no doubt they have had help from American satellite technology, so we are sure we won't find it is a mountain mirage."

Polar women were down to their last bar of chocolate

By Kathryn Knight

A MEMBER of the first all-women expedition to the North Pole described last night how her team was marooned for six days on a drifting ice pack with dwindling supplies.

Rosie Clayton-Stancer and her three colleagues had only a little chocolate left when an aircraft braved the deteriorating conditions to rescue them.

Ms Clayton-Stancer, 35, was on the fourth leg of the McVitie's Penguin Polar Relay with Andre Chadwick, 32, Sarah Jones, 28, and Juliette May, 33. The rescue plane set down the fifth and final team, which must move quickly to cover the last 110 nautical miles to the Pole before the thaw starts early next month.

Penguin Delta, the fourth team, had made good time covering 125 miles in 18 days, but the women were left stranded when severe weather set in after they had established camp to wait for the changeover.

Speaking yesterday from base camp at Cornwallis Island, in the Northwest Territories of Canada, Ms Clayton-Stancer said: "It was a real test of endurance. It was very tense, cold and hungry. We had found a decent spot to camp until a plane could find us but the weather was so bad no one could reach us.

"We had been on half-rations for a few days. By the end we had only a few bits of chocolate left. We talked about food a lot. It took a lot of attitude but we really worked as a team. We kept ourselves active, clearing the landing-strip and keeping all our equipment in order."

Temperatures were about -20C. The team's main fear was that the ice beneath them would crack up. "It was also hard because we would have a radio call saying a plane was coming and then they would radio back to say the weather had deteriorated and they couldn't come.

"After a while we were hallucinating, thinking the wind was a plane overhead," Ms Clayton-Stancer, a great-niece of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, said.

The final team, which hopes to plant the Union Jack at the North Pole, is made up of Zoe Hudson, Lucy Roberts, Pom Oliver and Caroline Hamilton, expedition leader.

The expedition has so far covered 350 miles. The 20 women taking part were selected last September from 65 hopefuls during a weekend on Dartmoor.

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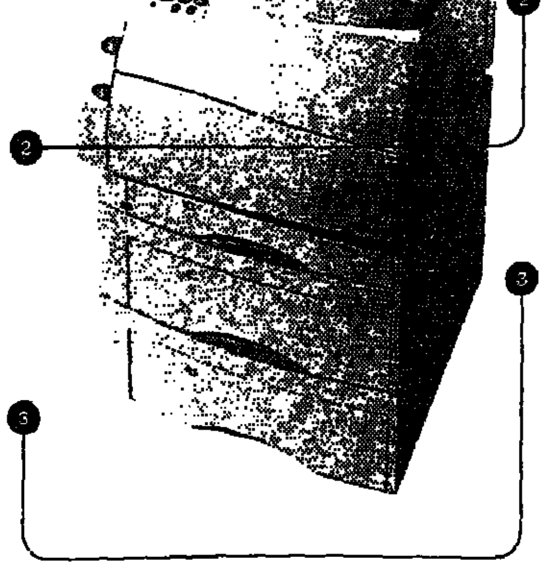

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Spaghetti and roast beef honour mission to the heathen English

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

FIFTY pilgrims braved no greater danger than Italian drivers yesterday as they left Rome to honour the Italian who braved English heathens. A journey to retrace the steps of St Augustine began with the atmosphere of a jolly coach outing, and a lunch menu combining spaghetti al pesto with roast beef.

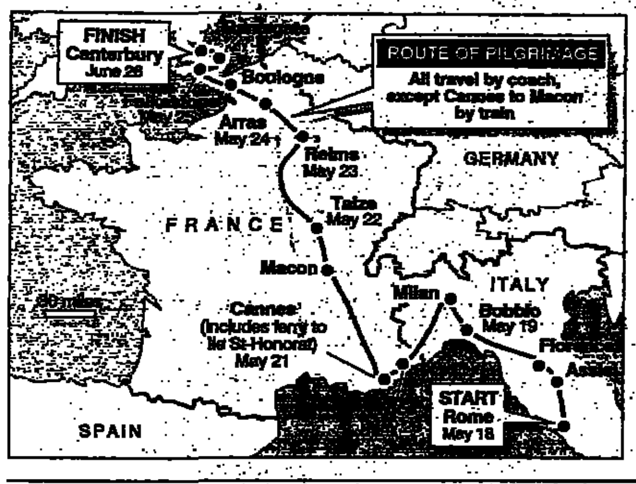
St Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury, took a year to reach Britain after he was sent by Pope Gregory to convert the Anglo—Saxons 1,400 years ago. The fifty ecumenical volunteers in Pilgrims' Way 1997 will take a week to reach Pegwell Bay, the saint's reputed landing site in the AD 597.

They will link up with other pilgrims marking the death in the same year of St Columba of Iona, the Irish apostle of Scotland.

The 1997 pilgrims left Rome for Assisi, their first stop, in the red and cream livery of East Kent Coaches, driven by Michael Denne, resplendent in Stagecoach tie and blazer. He said: "Italian drivers are quite something, but I'll manage. I volunteered for this. It's what you might call an unusual job."

The group is predominantly Anglican but also includes Roman Catholics, Methodists, American Episcopalians, Lutherans and followers of the Church of Scotland and the United Reformed Church. Many are retired or near retirement; all believe in Anglican-Roman Catholic rapprochement. The youngest is Anthony Cross, 18, the son of a clergyman from Inkbarrow, in Worcestershire.

St Augustine's journey to Kent was so arduous that at one stage he wanted to turn back in Gaul, and had to be talked out of it by Pope Gregory, who made him a bishop to encourage him. Yesterday pilgrims in panama hats enjoyed an agreeable lunch on the immaculate lawns of the British Embassy to the Vatican, an oasis in the Rome heat. "Not much mortification of the flesh here," said one pilgrim happily.



The Bishop of Dover, the Right Reverend Richard Llewellin, who is acting as chaplain on the trip, noted that there was "no reason why obligation and mission should not also include pleasure. We will be studying St Mark's Gospel en route, and we are going to walk some short stretches of the journey. I'm not sure which ones".

The pilgrims have been given an extra copy of St Mark's Gospel to hand to someone along the way through Italy and France. "Unfortunately it's in English," the Bishop said, "but we will get the message across."

The Dean of Norwich, the Very Reverend Stephen Platten, who had the idea for the pilgrimage in 1990 and helped to organise it, said it was not even certain how St Augustine had made the original journey.

"Some think he went to Ostia and took a boat to France to avoid the mountains of northern Italy. But we wanted to visit some of the great centres of Christianity which were certainly part of later pilgrim routes, such as Assisi and Florence".

Ostia is now a bathing resort. The nearest port is at Civitavecchia, from where the ferries head south to Sardinia rather than north to France.

At Pegwell Bay, near Ramsgate, the travellers will be met by Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Cardinal Basil Hume, who in a gesture of ecumenism will walk with the pilgrims to Ebbsfleet Cross, the traditional site of St Augustine's landfall, followed by a service of thanksgiving at Canterbury Cathedral.

At a service at the church of San Gregorio on the Celian Hill in Rome — which still contains the marble throne in which Pope Gregory sat when despatching St Augustine to Britain — the prior Father Innocenzo Gargano, reminded the pilgrims that Pope Gregory had told St Augustine "not to be deterred by the troubles of the journey or what men say. It is better not to undertake a high enterprise at all than to abandon it once begun."

St Augustine: he had to be warned not to abandon his "high enterprise"

American Bible belt forecasts devilish future for European Union

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

AMERICAN Christian fundamentalists view the European Union as a satanic grouping, according to a paper published today by the centre-left think tank Demos. They see the EU as the revived Roman empire foretold in Revelation, which will be dominated by the Antichrist. Nearly a third of Americans hold such apocalyptic views, which are probably already influencing government policy, Karen Armstrong, the religious author and former nun, says. No government should ignore the large born-again Christian lobby, she adds in *Demos Quarterly*.

Miss Armstrong says born-again Christian fundamentalists have long regarded the United Nations as a satanic body. "They are passionately pro-Israel, for example, because the Bible teaches them that unless the Jews are in control of their Holy Land, Jesus cannot return."

The fundamentalist movement in America was in eclipse, discredited by the scandalous behaviour of some of the leading television evangelists, but was likely to revive. Although evangelical churches were growing in Britain at the expense of the liberal wing, she says, fundamentalism was unlikely to take hold, because religion in Britain was identified with the Establishment, and research showed that fewer British than American people believed in God.

Writing in the same publication, Grace Davie, senior lecturer in sociology at Exeter University, issues a warning that regular church attendance was now a minority pursuit in Britain and resistance to unorthodox, New Age beliefs was declining.

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Policewomen deserve fitting body armour

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DESPITE the repeated reassurances of doctors, most women have a deeply ingrained fear that injury to their breasts could lead to cancer. There will therefore be no lack of sympathy for the women police officers who object to wearing body armour that painfully constricts their breasts and which creates friction when they take part in physical exercise.

The skin of the breasts and the nipples is always sensitive, and presumably particularly vulnerable to damage when damp from the sweat engenderd by exertion coupled with anxiety. In some instances the skin has become chronically inflamed by pressure from the armoured waistcoats.

Experience gathered over many generations has shown that a blow to the breast does not produce cancer. It can, and frequently does, result in a haematoma, a hard lump formed from a collection of blood in the breast tissue. Very wisely, the woman, when she finds the lump, immediately sees her doctor. Occasionally, when examining her breasts, the doctor may find another lump which is malignant. Even in the absence of a haematoma after a breast injury, the blow will prompt a woman to feel her breasts, where, by chance, she may find cancerous lumps.

The association between breast injuries and an increased incidence of malignant tumours is therefore thought to be entirely the result of medical surveillance that picks up cancers which were already in the breast but which had not yet become obvious.

Injury to the breast tissue, if it is severe enough to produce a haematoma, causes distinctive changes on a breast mammogram or X-ray. I have seen two patients who have suffered damage to their breasts because they encouraged their horses to nuzzle them. In one case, the resulting mammogram produced such an unusual picture from the horse's bite that it has been widely used, anonymously, for teaching purposes. The woman made a recovery and has had no subsequent trouble.

The data so far collected from the policewomen shows no relationship between wearing the body armour and malignances, but presumably this cannot have been a long-term study. There are statistics that might be relevant. About ten years ago, a survey showed that breast cancer was more common in the left than the right breast. A possible explanation offered at the time was that this small difference might be because men, who are predominantly right handed, are more likely to fondle the left breast of their partner, which is therefore subjected to repeated mild trauma.

If the pressure from a lover's hand can cause long-term injury, why not that given by an armoured waistcoat? Women police should be issued with made-to-measure waistcoats on the grounds of reassurance, if nothing else.

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New Labour offers a recipe for Conservative resurgence

Stephen Dorrell, Tory leadership contender, says he would make the party electable again with a remodelled constitution and Millbank-style discipline

THE Conservative Party urgently needs a new, democratic constitution. This is not simply a matter of internal party organisation — it goes to the heart of the challenge facing the party.

The fundamental reason for the general election defeat was that the Conservative government had lost contact with Conservative supporters. They no longer felt it was *their* government.

If the Conservative coalition is to be rebuilt, its supporters must be re-engaged. They must feel that the rebuilding project is important, and that they are part of it.

The basic structure of the Conservative organisation has remained substantially unchanged since the days of Benjamin Disraeli. Its institutions are hallowed by history but they do not provide the essentials of a modern political party. The relationships between the different parts of the organisation are unclear and lines of responsibility are confused.

Furthermore, individual membership of the party has been declining. In recent years we have seemed more interested in talking to ourselves than in talking to our supporters, so we should not be surprised if they have decided that the feeling is mutual.

The rebuilding of the party must begin with rebuilding the individual membership. Conservative ideas represent a majority viewpoint in Britain: the Conservative Party must become their mouthpiece once again.

That expansion of membership will happen only if the party makes clear its determination to engage those new members in key decisions of the party. The deferential relationship between party members and parliamentarians that worked in the age of Disraeli will not work in the 21st century.

We therefore need an immediate constitutional review to ensure that we have a modern and accountable party structure. If I am elected leader I shall establish such a review, which will report by the end of this year. A new constitution, based on the recommendations of the review, will be put to the Central Council meeting next March.

The central purpose of the new constitution must be to rebuild the Conservative Party as a cohesive political force on the centre-right of British politics. The party must be open and inclusive; its strength will be determined by the size of its individual membership.

A party whose strength lies in its membership cannot continue to exclude them from the question of who leads it. The new constitution must therefore include provision for an electoral college to elect the party leader, with a significant portion of the votes vested in the membership of the party on the basis of one member, one vote. MPs should continue to be the majority voice in the electoral college but the leader must be seen to be answerable to the party both inside and outside Parliament.

The new constitution must also include provision for the leader's mandate to be renewed at the beginning of each session of Parliament. As leader I would therefore be subject to re-election in November 1998.

Party members want a voice in leadership elections but they want other important changes too. They want to see that the Conservative Party not only has the right ideas but that it is an effective instrument for carrying them into government. They want to see that the party has the means to enforce among its members the minimum standards of discipline that are necessary to make it an effective political force. No one wants to stifle legitimate debate but a party that wishes to win and retain power must be able to distinguish between debate and sabotage.

We also need to recognise that Central Office has not matched the campaigning skills of Millbank Tower. Members want to see the party equip itself with tools that are equal to the task.

I have made it a principle not to comment on the rules under which the leadership election is being held. The reason is obvious: any candidate expressing an opinion about the rules invites suspicion that he is trying to change them to his advantage.

I do believe, however, that constitutional change is an important priority for the next leader of the party and that time is not on our side. We need to move fast so that the party can quickly start to use its new structure for the purpose for which it is intended.

A short period of internal housekeeping can make an important difference to the effectiveness of the party; a prolonged period of navel gazing would do still further damage.

Change in rules will be too late for leadership contest

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

KENNETH CLARKE yesterday dismissed proposals to give Tory constituency chairmen a vote in choosing the party leader in time for next month's election.

Senior party figures, including Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, are backing a plan to allow party activists a greater role. Although Mr Clarke favours changing the rules to allow constituency members a bigger say, he does not think that can be done in time for the current contest, expected to start on June 10.

Robin Hodgson, chairman of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, is due to present the proposals formally to Dr Mawhinney this week. Under the scheme, party activists would have 20 per cent of the vote with the rest going to MPs. At present, only MPs vote in leadership elections although they are supposed to consult local parties.

The plan would allow constituency chairmen to cast their vote in a telephone ballot after local consultations. Mr Hodgson said yesterday that chairmen could be given Pin numbers in time for the ballot.

Mr Clarke, who is thought to be gaining support among MPs, said yesterday that he did not favour giving constituency chairmen a say this time, though he would support reform in the longer term.

"I understand the agitation outside. I'm not sure that all the franchises being suggested — that every chairman of the Conservative association should have a vote — is the ideal solution, but they certainly should be consulted."

While most of the six Tory leadership candidates argue that it would be difficult to change the rules in time, there is growing concern within the party that the decision will be taken by only 164 surviving Tory MPs, leaving most constituencies without a voice.

Any change would have to be agreed by the backbench 1922 Committee of Tory MPs, which meets this Wednesday to elect a chairman to replace Sir Marcus Fox, who lost his seat at the election. The candidates include John MacGregor, Sir Archie Hamilton, John Butterfill, John Townend and Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith.

The new chairman will then announce the dates for the leadership contest. It is now expected that the first ballot will be on June 10, the second on June 17 and — if necessary — the third on June 19.

Stephen Dorrell yesterday outlined an ambitious plan to introduce one member, one vote into leadership elections. He pledged that he would seek re-election under the new rules in November 1998, if he was chosen as leader next month. Aides said that his plan involved scrapping the electoral college altogether and giving each party member the same right as MPs.

William Hague said laat week that he would seek an immediate mandate from the party within weeks of being elected by MPs. Peter Lilley has also backed widespread reform, including drawing up a register of the 500,000 or so party members. But John Redwood yesterday dismissed the pledges by Mr Hague and Mr Dorrell to put themselves up for re-election.

"I think that once the party has decided how we should run the election, then the verdict has to stand," he said.

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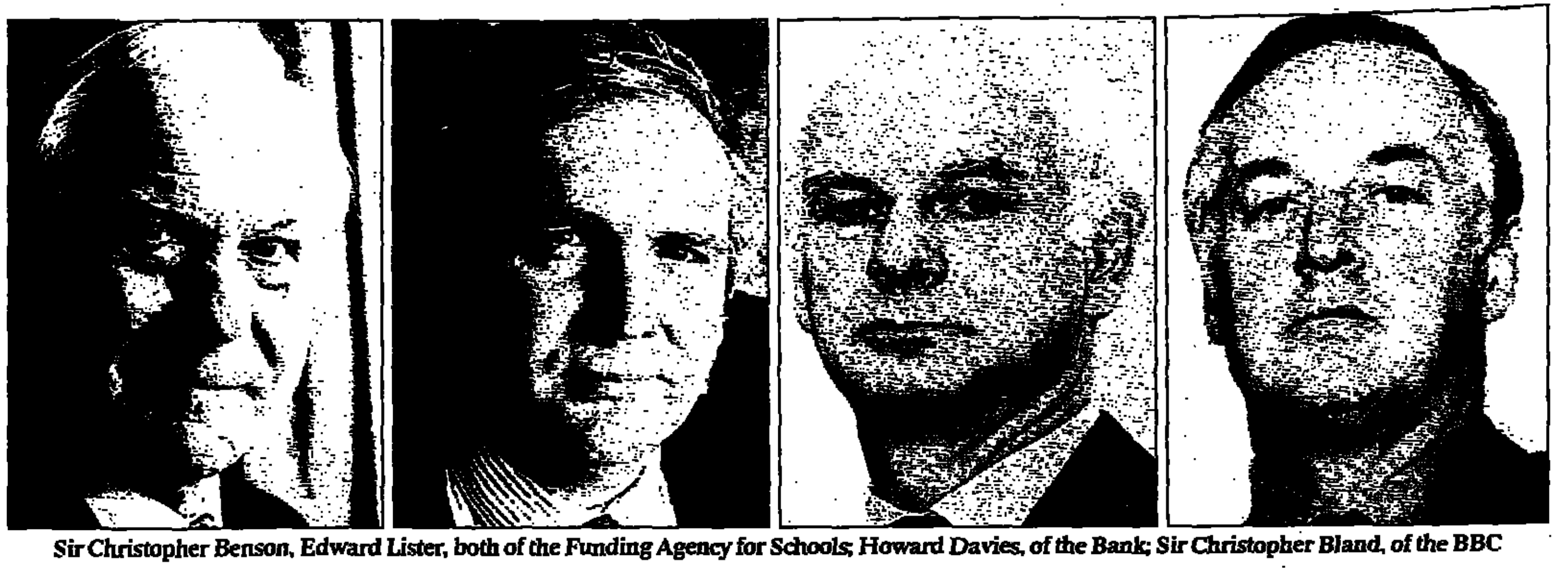

Sir Christopher Benson, Edward Lister, both of the Funding Agency for Schools; Howard Davies, of the Bank; Sir Christopher Bland, of the BBC

Tory appointments face uncertain future

Cabinet Office ministers are scrutinising the leadership of quangos, **Valerie Elliott** writes

MINISTERS at the Cabinet Office have ordered a review of appointments to quangos and other public bodies, including a check on Tory placemen. They are seeking ideas on how to make such bodies more accountable.

It is hoped that some individuals will volunteer to step down to avoid confrontation. In other cases, people may in any case be nearing the end of their term in office. Sir Tim Chessells, chairman of the Legal Aid Board, an accountant, is expected to stand down when his term ends next year and hand over to his deputy, the leading solicitor Henry Hodge, husband of the Labour MP Margaret Hodge.

One government insider said last night: "We are not going to go for wholesale sackings but we will be watching certain people very closely. If someone starts using their job as a base to criticise the Government or score political points then he would have to go."

Lord Blyth, chairman of Boots Plc, has already stepped down as head of the Prime Minister's Advisory Panel on the Citizen's Charter, a post he held for six years. He indicated that to Mr Major before the election but the view in Whitehall was that he "could see the writing on the wall".

The independent-minded Howard Davies was appointed deputy governor of the Bank of England in 1995 on merit, not because of political allegiance. Even he is understood to be feeling vulnerable after the new Chancellor, Gordon Brown, announced that he was to appoint a second deputy governior. Mr Davies might soon find it rather crowded at the top of the Bank.

The chairman of the Funding Agency for Schools, Sir Christopher Benson, who is the Tory-supporting chairman of Sun Alliance, and his colleagues on the agency's committee — the prominent Conservative businessman Sir Stanley Kalms, Sir Robert Balchin, and Edward Lister, the Tory leader of Wandsworth council, are also likely to be replaced when their contracts come up in September.

It is thought that Lord Rothschild, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, will also go when his term ends next March. Nor might there be a long-term future at the Arts Council for its chairman, who has 18 months left to serve, the Earl of Gowrie, who was an Arts Minister under Margaret Thatcher.

Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the BBC Board of Governors, has only done a year of a five-year term. At the time of the appointment Tony Blair sought the right of veto on the final choice. John Major denied him that and there may be a score to settle.

Lord St John of Fawsley, who heads the Royal Fine Art Commission and is another former Conservative Arts Minister, was said by a supporter to be very expert in this field and will probably hang on".

When he was an opposition backbencher, Peter Kilfoyle — now the junior Public Service Minister under David Clark, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster — campaigned to find out the names and backgrounds of people appointed to quangos, filing many questions to Tory ministers. Mr Kilfoyle wants any remaining quangos to be fully accountable to Parliament and an annual report on the activities of each quango to be published.

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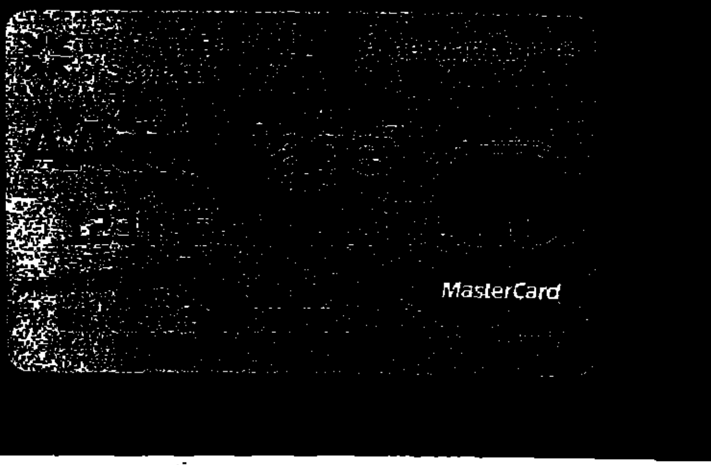

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Private head teachers aim to keep 'social mix' when Government scraps assisted places

Girls' schools plan £70m rescue fund for poorer pupils

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

LEADING independent girls schools are planning to announce a £70 million scheme to save all 3,000 of their assisted places for pupils from poorer families after government subsidies are scrapped.

The 24 members of the Girls' Public Day School Trust — which include Bath, Portsmouth and South Hampstead High Schools — said they would introduce their own bursaries. In a separate move, the two Haberdashers' Schools in Monmouth have announced their own scheme to meet the £1 million cost of their own 212 assisted places.

The new Labour Government has said that it intends to phase out the Assisted Places Scheme, which provides a state subsidy of £130 million for 34,000 children attending fee-paying schools. The money is to be used instead to reduce the class sizes in infants schools.

Some critics say the change could make some private schools more elitist by reducing the variety of backgrounds that the assisted places have helped to provide.

William Jones provided for a "free school"

The independent schools said yesterday that their rescue schemes were an exception and the vast majority of subsidised places would be lost, changing the character of many such institutions. The trust is still raising money towards its fund but yesterday confirmed that it could afford to pay £2 million next year for the 450 assisted places offered annually at its schools.

The trust began planning in earnest to reorganise its assisted places in 1990, fearing that they would be scrapped if Labour won the 1992 election.

Michael Oakley, secretary of the trust, said further details would be announced when the Government published its Bill phasing out the scheme. He added: "We could fill these places with fee-payers but the trust has always been committed to making its schools accessible to bright girls from families who otherwise could not afford it.

"We do not want to turn our schools into schools which are only for the relatively wealthy. A lot of our fee-paying parents prefer our type of school where their daughters will mix with a good cross-section of the community."

Tim Haynes says the education offered by Monmouth School should be open to children of all backgrounds

Tim Haynes, headmaster of Monmouth School, said that it would cost £1 million a year to replace the assisted places at his boys' school and the Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls.

A fund of £42 million had been raised by selling property left to them in 1615 by the founder, William Jones, a liveryman of the Haberdashers' Company.

Mr Haynes said: "Trustees are very conscious that this is in line with the founder's original intention. We don't want to see these schools become socially or economically exclusive."

Jones left £9,000 in his will, dated December 1614, to found a "free school" for Monmouth. Mr Haynes added: "We have a very good education to offer and we think it should be open to children of all backgrounds.

"We are educating children for the rest of their lives. They are going to be living and working alongside people of all backgrounds and they should be educated alongside people from all backgrounds to learn toleration and how to work together."

Chris Parker, head master of Nottingham High School, and chairman of the assisted places committee for the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, said that schools could not afford to replace the "vast majority" of places.

Nottingham High hopes to provide ten places a year to replace its 40 assisted places. "I would say that we are doing far more than most," he said.

"It seems a complete paradox that something Labour is doing is making schools more élite, which is surely the last thing that they want."

Education ministers warned against 'quick-fix' plans

By David Charter

SCHOOLS that have been failing for a long time yesterday warned the Government against disrupting their plans for recovery with attempts at quick-fix solutions.

Ministers are to announce action *plans tomorrow for a number of* failing schools it believes are making unacceptably slow progress. Today *The Times* names the 38 schools, initially inspected two or more years ago, which have still not improved sufficiently to come off the critical list. About 2 per cent of all schools are classed by Ofsted, the schools inspectorate, as failing and needing "special measures".

Representatives of some of the schools that have been on the list the longest have warned the Government not to jeopardise progress made in the past two years for the sake of making an example of some struggling schools. Norfolk, for example, has three of the schools classed as failing for more than two years.

Michael Edwards, Norfolk's chief education officer, said that they all needed substantial changes of staff, *something that could not be done quickly*.

"It takes time to appoint new staff and for them to make their mark in improving the school," Mr Edwards said. "You cannot change a school by some laser surgery; it has to be a more constructive operation than that and requires a lot of patience."

Labour will have to wait for legislation before it can impose its "Fresh Start" plans, which involve temporarily closing the school and re-opening it with new staff. However, it can ask authorities to send in expert teachers to revive a school.

Mr Edwards said: "We would find it difficult to believe, in the case of these three schools, that any instant change of governorship or management would actually succeed in moving them off the list because progress has already been made. Frankly, it would be far better to leave the existing team to do it."

Battersea Technology College, in the London Borough of Wandsworth, was first inspected in December 1993 and has been failing longer than any other school. Anthony Cole, its chairman of governors, said its recovery had been delayed by the appointment of an unsuitable head teacher. Only by last September did it complete its new team of staff. "We are only at the end of our first year of having a brand new team in. It just takes a heck of a long time," Mr Cole said. "The easy thing to do would have been to close it down but that would not have helped the children because there are not other schools in the Battersea area to take them. A fresh start was effectively what we did."

The list of failing schools includes Dulwich High School for Boys in Southwark — the school that Harriet Harman, now Social Security Secretary, avoided by sending her son to a grammar school elsewhere.

Rough Hay Primary School in Darlaston, Walsall, is also near the top of the list of schools that have been failing over the long term. Humphrey Smith, chief education services officer in Walsall, said: "We are of the view that significant progress has been made but there is *not a universal magic formula for* turning these schools around."

FAILING SCHOOLS

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St Stephen's C of E Primary School, Lambeth
Rough Hay Primary School, Darlaston, Walsall
Hockwold Primary School, Thetford, Norfolk
Abbey Farm Middle School, Thetford, Norfolk
Morningside Primary School, Hackney
The Langham School, Haringey
St Joseph's Academy, Lewisham
Fred Nicholson Special School, Dereham, Norfolk
Lea County First School, Slough, Berkshire
Pinewood County Primary School, Stoke-on-Trent
Geoffrey Chaucer Comprehensive School, Southwark
Upottery Primary School, Upottery, Devon
Shaw Park Primary School, Hull
William Penn School, now Dulwich High, Dulwich
Rams Episcopal Primary School, Hackney
Weavers' Fields (Special) School, Tower Hamlets
Upbury Manor GM School, Gillingham
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The Pupil Referral Unit, Brent
St Hugh's GM High School, Grantham
Mary Linwood School, Leicester
Bulford Haig Primary School, Salisbury
Fryerns School, Basildon
Southfields GM School, Gravesend
Little Ilford School, Newham
Ingram High School for Boys, Thornton Heath
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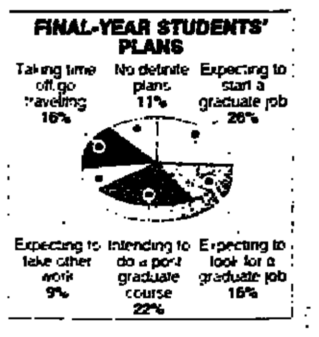

Graduates set sights lower in job market

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

STUDENTS are opting out of the race for a job despite a resurgence in the graduate employment market, according to research sponsored by *The Times*, which shows more than a quarter are heading towards finals with no plans for work.

One final-year student in six at 24 leading universities planned to take time off after graduation, usually to travel. One in nine had no definite plans three months before examinations began.

The research, published yesterday, surprised careers experts because it coincides with a 12 per cent rise in vacancies for graduates. The *new openings were expected* to trigger a rush of applications from students, who have seen their predecessors struggling to find work.

In fact, fewer final-year undergraduates than last year expect to take up a permanent post after graduation. The survey, by High Fliers Research, shows that only 26 per cent expected a graduate job.

Martin Birchall, the survey director, said: "It seems that some students have picked up the message that there are more jobs about, so they can afford to sit back and concentrate on their finals. If that is the case, they are very misguided and could be in for a shock. There may be more jobs about but there are also more graduates."

More than 12,000 students, covering most leading universities, were interviewed for the report. They had realistic expectations of starting salaries: the average of £14,400 is close to firms' predictions of this year's national average.

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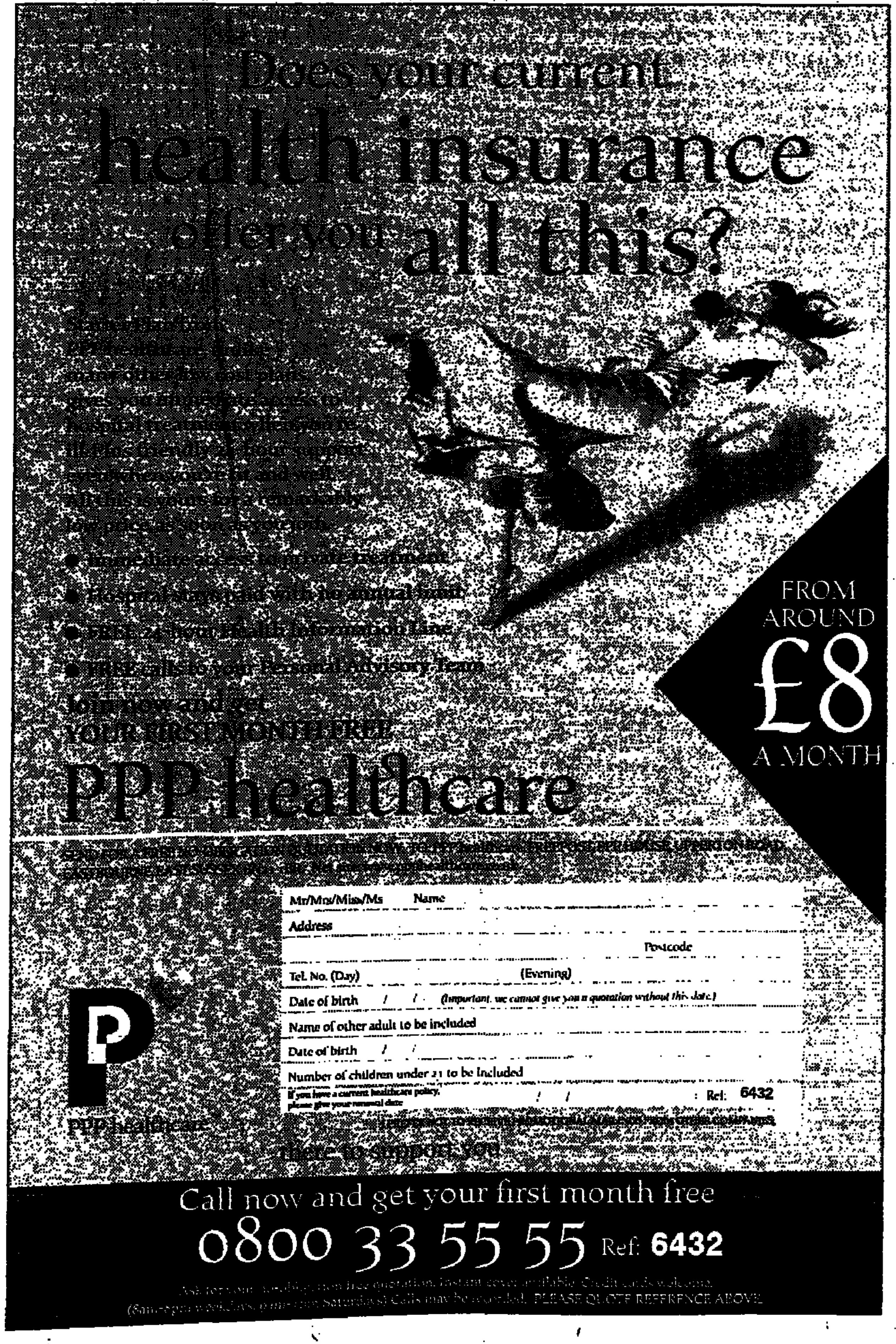

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Kabila's forces exert iron grip on Zairean capital after downfall of despot Mobutu

Civilians of Kinshasa hail their new masters

FROM DAVID ORR IN KINSHASA

IN THE space of a weekend, everything has changed — and changed utterly. The country known as Zaire since '71 is now the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The rebels, who on Saturday marched into the capital, Kinshasa, are no longer guerrillas but liberators. Laurent Kabila, their leader, is the new head of state and President Mobutu, the reviled dictator of 32 years, is believed to have sought refuge in his northern ancestral home of Gbadolite.

The inhabitants of Kinshasa were ecstatic as thousands of Mr Kabila's fighters advanced through the streets yesterday and consolidated their hold on the city. Wearing white headbands, people lined the roadsides and danced in jubilation. "We are liberated, we are liberated," they shouted. "Vive Kabila!" The invading soldiers had by yesterday morning taken Camp Tshashi, the final stronghold of the defeated Zairean Army, and were mopping up the last isolated pockets of resistance. Mr Mobutu's palatial residence had also fallen and a commander was racing around in the open-top Jeep from which the disgraced tyrant had once waved to the people.

> ‘We looted everything. Mobutu was a thief. These things belong to us’

Inside the palace, looters seized the passport and cosmetics of Bobi Mobutu, the deposed President's wife, and drugs for the treatment of his cancer but there was little else left. By last night, isolated incidents of revenge and killings involving looters had left 177 dead, according to the Red Cross. There was widespread looting in the opulent suburb around Mr Mobutu's residence but the mood was one of celebration rather than of panic.

Gunfire had again resounded around the city on Saturday night but by yesterday morning only occasional bursts of shooting could be heard as the new rulers fired in the air, trying to control the more exuberant excesses of the populace. "I'm tired but I'm happy," said one soldier carrying a rocket-propelled grenade launcher. "We've fought and we've come a long way."

The fighters who yesterday crossed the city in the direction of Camp Tshashi said they were 4,500-strong. They had come down the Congo River overnight by barge from the interior and were reinforcing the advance units which had entered the capital on Saturday from the east. Diplomatic sources estimate the force that has captured Kinshasa at 10,000. They are well-armed with mortars, light machineguns and anti-tank weapons in addition to Kalashnikovs. Asked where he came from, one soldier said: "Uganda." Another spoke in Kinyarwanda, the language of Rwanda. "We're from this country, Rwanda and Uganda," said another, countering claims by Zaire's eastern neighbours that they have not been involved in the civil war. "I hope you're not from France. France supports Mobutu. We don't want French people in this country."

In the seven months since they started their insurgency in the remote east of the country, the fighters of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire have crossed 1,000 miles of bush and jungle.

They have driven the demoralised Zairean armed forces in disarray before them. There has been little engagement apart from rare occasions on which Angolan, Serb and other mercenaries have made a stand against the advancing troops.

As the lines of soldiers moved through *Embassy Row*, residents came out with bottles of water and packets of breakfast cereal for the troops.

Having assassinated the army chief, General Mahele Bokungu, at the approach of the rebels on Friday night, the elite Special Presidential Division failed to put up the fight that some had feared.

Western diplomats said that some score-settling by the new rulers was inevitable in the days ahead. "We haven't slept all night," said an older soldier yesterday morning. "But I've got to keep the men moving. The younger ones are tired but we're not finished yet. We're still looking for our enemy. A lot of them have kept their guns and are in their homes in civilian clothes." The truth is that the most sought-after and high-ranking government soldiers — men such as Kongolu Mobutu, the ousted President's son — have fled across the river into Brazzaville in neighbouring Congo. Control of Camp Tshashi was secured with little difficulty. Along the roadside near the military base, the conquering soldiers lounged, weary but evidently flushed with triumph and enjoying some small spoils of their victory. Most of them had entered Kinshasa with their weapons as their only possessions. Some of them had marched in barefoot. All were hungry and thirsty.

Now they found themselves in the well-to-do Mont Ngaliema district, surrounded by more opulence than they had probably ever seen. The abandoned villas around them had once belonged to government ministers and members of Mr Mobutu's entourage. Teenage soldiers, some as young as 15, tinkered wonderingly with radios, cassette recorders and other electrical items that they had been unable to resist despite the prohibition on looting. From one compound came the squeal of a pig as it was slaughtered: they had lit a fire in the front garden and were about to barbeque the animal. A young man plucked a chicken, declaring it would make a feast for himself and a comrade.

One group tried on uniforms belonging to the overthrown government troops, discarding their own ragged and sweat-stained fatigues. But the greatest prizes seemed to be the smart army boots that they had found in Camp Tshashi.

Civilians streamed down the hill from the military camp, bearing their plunder aloft: chairs, telephones, computer keyboards, office files, whatever they had been able to lay their hands on before Mr Kabila's troops had sealed it off. One young man carried a tumble dryer perched on his head.

"We looted everything," rejoiced a teenager. "Mobutu was a thief, he took everything from this country. These things belong to us."

In a government building, a crowd of chanting men ripped a portrait of Mr Mobutu from the wall and smashed it against a desk, as others ran about ransacking the offices. In another part of town, the troops glutted themselves on bottles of wine and beer taken from the residence of Likulia Bolongo, the former Prime Minister, who has been evacuated by France. Tins of meat and vegetables were prised open and poured down ravenous throats. "I don't have the words to explain how I feel," said one fighter in a Rwandan army uniform. "We've chased out Mobutu and liberated the country." Already the new flag of the Democratic Republic of Congo, with seven stars on a blue background, has started to flutter about the capital.

Responding to a call by Mr Kabila, thousands of former government troops presented themselves yesterday at designated assembly points to turn over their weapons.

A transitional "government of public salvation" is to be established by tomorrow and a multiparty constituent assembly in two months. Elections are due to be held within two years.

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A soldier of Laurent Kabila's forces guards troops of the Zairean Special Presidential Division at the Kokolo camp in Kinshasa yesterday after their surrender

Fleeing clan face freeze in Europe

Geneva: The new leaders of Zaire were yesterday racing to block any assets belonging to former President Mobutu and his supporters around Europe after Switzerland froze the defeated clan's financial and property interests (Peter Capella writes).

Representatives of Laurent Kabila in Geneva were preparing to send a formal request for a financial freeze to Liechtenstein. Media reports suggested that Mr Mobutu would visit the small alpine financial haven before moving to France when parliamentary elections end there on June 1.

But Liechtenstein signalled to its Swiss and Austrian neighbours that the Mobutus would not be welcome.

Ghislain Demofike, a Kabila representative, said he hoped other European countries, including Austria, France and Germany, would follow the Swiss example. A legal request to block Mr Mobutu's French assets, including his villa on the Riviera, was expected within days. "France already promised impunity for Mr Mobutu, which is a rather casual approach by the current Government," he said.

Swiss bankers think that most of the alleged Mobutu fortune has left Switzerland by now.

Victor must move swiftly to build broad regime

BY SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

TAKING over a country the size of Western Europe in seven months was the easy part for Laurent Kabila. His battlefield success was due to his use of Tutsi shock troops from Uganda and Rwanda, and the nationwide disgust with the regime of President Mobutu. Now Mr Kabila, the self-appointed new President of the Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire), faces the Herculean task of legitimising a new administration before his Government begins to appear as an occupation force.

One of the first rebel soldiers to enter Kinshasa and take over the Voice of Zaire radio station at the weekend said yes, he had come a long way, he had come from Uganda. At least a third of the guerrillas snaking through the capital yesterday were unmistakably Tutsi, tall and mainly English-speaking — former members of the Ugandan and Rwandan armies.

Yesterday most residents of Zaire's capital were delighted that Mr Mobutu and his family had fled after 32 years of dictatorship. However, it will not be long before they take off the white head bands, which signal support for Mr Kabila's rebels, and begin to question whether they have swapped a local despot for a Ugandan viceroy.

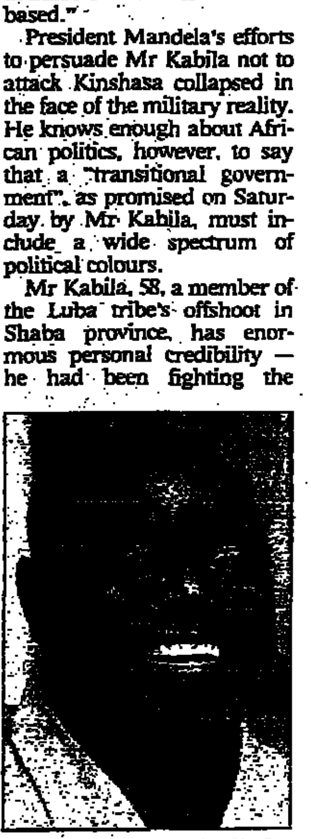
A high-level delegation, possibly including Thabo Mbeki,

TASK AHEAD

South Africa's Deputy President, was expected to fly to Zaire to meet its new President with this message: "Democratise and make sure your new administration is broad-based."

President Mandela's efforts to persuade Mr Kabila not to attack Kinshasa collapsed in the face of the military reality. He knows enough about African politics, however, to say that a "transitional government", as promised on Saturday by Mr Kabila, must include a wide spectrum of political colours.

Mr Kabila, 58, a member of the Luba tribe's offshoot in Shaba province, has enormous personal credibility — he had been fighting the Mobutu regime for 32 years. His potential weakness lies in having relied on foreign soldiers as the sharp end of what became a popular revolution.



Kabila: takeover relied on foreign troops

A former Marxist and friend of Che Guevara, Mr Kabila has clearly given up the idealism of his youth. Before he took power he had already signed multimillion-dollar contracts with foreign mining companies to exploit Zaire's staggering mineral wealth.

But he may yet be tempted to over-centralise his Government, and rely too heavily on his Tutsi troops to enforce his will on Zaire's 250 ethnic groups. "That would be catastrophic for his regime and for Zaire. People will want more freedoms and a better administration, immediately," a European ambassador in Kinshasa said yesterday.

America, France and Belgium will be leaning on Mr Kabila to deliver on his promises of reform. Though potentially rich — Zaire harbours 60 per cent of the world's cobalt, as well as vast diamond, gold, copper and bauxite reserves — the country is in a state of absolute poverty.

Without substantial financial help from Western donors, Mr Kabila will not be able to restore roads, schools and hospitals or pay the army and civil servants, much less return living standards to the pre-independence levels that were eroded by Mr Mobutu's kleptocracy.

Paris resigned to declining influence

FROM ADAM SAGE
IN PARIS

FRENCH politicians yesterday sought to duck responsibility for their country's role in Africa as critics denounced France's "outdated and unrealistic" attitude towards the continent.

The fall of President Mobutu has left Paris facing awkward questions about its willingness to prop up almost any regime that is prepared to sustain French influence in Africa.

His reported flight to Morocco comes as France faces fresh embarrassment over the shadowy links between its biggest company, Elf-Aquitaine, and several francophone African states. Jean-Pierre Chevènement, the former Socialist Defence Minister, said yesterday: "It's

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time to turn over a new page in Franco-African relations." He criticised the French Foreign Ministry for its vain attempts to support Mr Mobutu at a time when his departure was inevitable.

As recently as last month, Hervé de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, said: "President Mobutu is without doubt the only person capable of guaranteeing Zaire's territorial integrity."

French officials admit that Paris gave Mr Mobutu a lifeline in 1994 when it enlisted his help in a controversial humanitarian operation in Rwanda. After backing the Hutu regime responsible for the Rwandan massacres, France worked hand in hand with Mr Mobutu to establish refugee camps for Hutus fleeing the new Tutsi-led Government in Kigali. Mr Mobutu, an international outcast at the time, was able to claim a measure of respectability as a result.

Paris yesterday avoided commenting on reports that Mr Mobutu plans to settle in France, where he has at least two luxury homes. "We don't have any information concerning the intentions of President Mobutu," the French Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

France's influence in Africa has waned as that of the United States has grown. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President, said on Saturday: "What's painful is that 20 years ago we solved all these problems and today everything happens without Europe or France being mentioned."

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Mongolia lives with tainted dream of riches

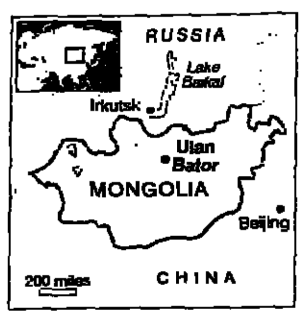
The trappings of Communism are still to be found in Mongolia's capital, now more like the Gomorrah of the Gobi, **James Pringle** reports from Ulan Bator

ROLLERBLADING schoolchildren skim along the concrete of Ulan Bator's Sukhbaatar Square in front of the holy of holies of the former Communist regime — the mausoleum containing the bodies of the country's two official "liberators". Grim-faced Communist leaders once reviewed military parades from the rostrum, as in Moscow.

Now, in the middle of the square, named after the man who first established Communism here in 1921 — and died mysteriously soon afterwards — there is a demonstration by veterans demanding that their small pensions should keep pace with high inflation.

Running round the square are other children, spurred on by a brass band. On the periphery hover dirty, abandoned street children, who sleep underground.

On the west side is the imposing ochre building housing the stock exchange, facing the opera house where *Swan Lake* will play to a sparse audience — few can afford the tickets. The following night will bring Shakespeare in Mongolian: *Romeo and Juliet*. Towering over all this is the monolithic state house, where the Great Hural (parliament) has been dominated by Democrats since their surprise election victory last year.



These days, Ulan Bator, which means "Red Hero" and refers to Sukhbaatar, is a poor but lively city of 650,000, where half the population live in *gers* — felt tents. There are no plans to rename the city, despite the Communist connotations of its current name.

Nor are there any proposals to move the body of Choibalsan, Mongolia's Stalin who murdered up to 100,000 of his compatriots in the 1930s and 1940s, from the mausoleum. He is regarded, over-generously in the view of some, as having helped to preserve Mongolia's independence from the Soviet Union. Street photographers snap herders and their families from the Gobi or the Western mountains.

Most rural, and many urban, Mongolian men still wear the *del*, a high-collared coat, usually with a trilby hat, and boots with upturned pointed toes, to avoid offending the earth. Girls are just as likely to wear mini-skirts as the feminine version of the *del*. Some can be formidably fashionable.

The Ulan Bator Hotel, a Soviet edifice, is to the east of the square, behind Lenin Park. On previous visits during the 1970s and 1980s, I found it about the only place in the city with edible food and anything resembling a nightspot: a cavernous underground restaurant with an American jukebox on a stage. For a few *tugrits*, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr or Petula Clark would play.

As a China-based correspondent visiting Mongolia in the 1970s for some light relief from the Cultural Revolution, I recall sitting there with the then British Ambassador, John Colvin, and his wife, consuming boiled mutton, which seemed the staple.

Our spartan meal was constantly interrupted by young Russian squaddies in uniform, polite but insistent, asking Mrs Colvin to dance. Far from home, she represented an almost impossible glamour for the troops, on furlough from guard duty along the Chinese border. Nowadays, the Russians are long gone. Nightlife in Ulan Bator, which could loosely be called a sort of Gomorrah of the Gobi, has changed dramatically from the days before 1921, when lamas ruled, and after, when an outwardly austere form of Communism held sway. One can get in a battered old East German Trabant or Wartburg taxi and trundle off to a casino, where Mongolian high-rollers, mainly traders or cashmere dealers (most of whom drive Mercedes or BMWs), go to relax.

A French bistro, Oscar's, has opened north of the square, and elsewhere there are Japanese and Korean restaurants and an "art café" called the Matisse, with impressionist paintings on the walls, and a clientèle of young Mongolian women affecting a bohemian air.

Ulan Bator these days is a late city, and it is pointless going out much before ten to bars like the Elvis Presley, or discos like Top Ten, where there are Russian women and Mongolian girls with dyed blonde hair, dancing the night away. To get into the discos, impoverished young Mongolians pool their funds, sit without a drink when not dancing, then walk home to their austere, often unheated, apartments.

When Mongolia abandoned Marxism in the early 1990s, there was talk of the country joining the "tiger" economies of Asia. Such dreams have not materialised. The word for tiger in Mongolia is "bar".

GREG BAKER / AP

A Mongolian woman in Ulan Bator votes in yesterday's presidential election

President fights on reformist agenda

Ulan Bator: Mongolians went to the polls yesterday in a presidential contest seen as a neck-and-neck race between the nation's reformist leader and his challenger from the former Communist Party.

Some voters arrived on horseback while others walked from their felt tents on the outskirts of the capital. A smiling President Ochirbat cast his ballot and told voters they were making a crucial decision for the once-Communist nation. "The person who is elected will lead us into the next century," said the 5-year-old candidate of the Democratic Union Coalition as he and his wife, Tseelmaa, greeted voters.

His main opponent, Natsagu Bagabandi, 47, of the opposition Mongolian People. Revolutionary Party that ruled for 75 years up to last year, has campaigned for a slowing-down of economic reforms. He has tried to appeal to those who have been left jobless as Mongolia moves from Stalinist central planning to a market economy. *(Reuter)*

De Klerk heir quits Nationalists to form his own party

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

IN A move signalling the biggest shake-up of South African politics since 1994's democratic elections, Roelf Meyer, the heir-apparent of F. W. de Klerk, the former President, resigned from the National Party at the weekend.

He vowed to establish a new opposition capable of breaking the African National Congress's strangehold on the electorate.

His resignation was prompted by a damaging public fight with Mr de Klerk, which followed the emergence of clear divisions within the party that ruled South Africa between 1948 and 1994. The dispute arose over moves to attract wider support among the majority black electorate.

Mr Meyer told delegates at the party's Gauteng head council meeting in Pretoria on Saturday that he had been "effectively fired" because of differences with those resistant to change and other like-minded moderates are expected to follow his example.

After the mass resignation of the party's "enlightened" leadership last year, the loss of Mr Meyer, its leading visionary, has stripped the mainly white party of its main hope of attracting significant black support to bolster its 16 per cent poll rating. Mr de Klerk cut a lonely figure at the weekend as he conceded that further resignations from the party are likely and he dismissed the idea that his party had lurched to the right as "a blatant lie".

A showdown in the party leadership was the inevitable conclusion of a power struggle that begun last year when Mr de Klerk appointed Mr Meyer as the party's Secretary General. He was, however, forced to rescind the appointment this year under pressure from Hernus Kriel, the conservative Nationalist Premier of the Western Cape, and Martinus van Schalkwyk, Mr Meyer's rival for the party leadership, both of whom were suspicious of Mr Meyer's publicly stated intention of seeking a new political alignment. His rivals began increasingly to assert themselves and Mr Meyer's position became untenable when he recently rejected a call by Mr de Klerk to cease his talks with other parties.

Mr Meyer, who gained credibility with blacks as the Nationalists' chief negotiator at constitutional talks with the ANC, said at the weekend that he would not be joining another party but would build a new movement to fight for less crime, more jobs, compassion for the poor, and better education and tolerance.

"Those calling for rapid change [in the party] have been rebutted," Mr Meyer said. "I know this is not the voice of the party."

Meyer: wants more jobs and better deal for poor

Arafat begs Clinton to save peace process

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AFTER last week's failure of the second US peace mission to the Middle East inside a month, Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, has appealed to President Clinton to intervene personally to save the peace process from total collapse.

"Only your personal, official and immediate intervention will save the process," Mr Arafat wrote to the White House in an emotional letter, some of whose contents were made public here yesterday.

Mr Arafat, who is under growing pressure from Islamic hardliners and radical Palestinian nationalists to abandon what remains of the 1993 peace deal with Israel signed in Washington, also asked Mr Clinton to send Madeleine Albright, his new Secretary of State, on an urgent first mission to the region.

There has been a Palestinian whispering campaign against Dennis Ross, Mr Clinton's special envoy, whom the Palestine Liberation Organisation accuses of being biased towards Israel and unwilling to put pressure on Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, to halt work on the new Har Homa settlement in east Jerusalem. Bulldozers working at Har Homa were prevented yesterday by an injunction taken out by the Israeli Antiquities Authority from doing more damage to the remains of a historic church linked to the Virgin Mary.

The authority discovered that the earth-moving to make way for homes for 32,000 Jews had damaged remains of the 5th-century Cathisma church, built to commemorate the spot where the Virgin Mary is believed to have dismounted en route to Bethlehem to give birth to Jesus.

The Palestinian Cabinet has issued a strong warning that the relative calm of recent weeks could not survive a further stalemate in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, stalled since March 18.

Yesterday the atmosphere deteriorated further when Palestinian officials claimed that newly published Israeli plans to demolish 500 Palestinian houses on Israeli-occupied West Bank land amounted to a policy of "ethnic cleansing".

☐ ***Guilty plea:*** *Hassan Salameh*, a leading guerrilla of the militant Hamas group, pleaded guilty in an Israeli military court yesterday to 46 counts of murder resulting from suicide bombings he plotted. *Reuter*

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Juppé heads for narrow poll win as Left falters

By Adam Sage in Paris and Our Foreign Staff

FRANCE'S ruling conservatives were narrowly ahead yesterday as the last opinion polls were published a week before parliamentary elections. They showed that the centre-right coalition of Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, is likely to retain a majority in the National Assembly, although it is expected to be sharply reduced.

The alliance between the Socialists, Communists and ecologists had gained, and a third of those polled said they might change their minds.

The Right was seen as winning between 300 and 340 seats to the combined Left's 210-250 in surveys of mainland France's 555 constituencies. Conservatives hold most of the other 22 overseas seats after winning 470 seats in a 1993 landslide.

Voters yesterday cast their ballots in French Polynesia, where the polls are held a week in advance because the islands are scattered over a Pacific Ocean area the size of Europe. The law bans the disclosure of the results before the mainland vote.

The lacklustre campaign has failed to shake the scepticism of voters, who are doubtful that any side can solve the country's record unemployment. The campaign has focused on whether more austerity is needed to allow France to join the single European currency, or whether it may be relaxed to curb the 12.8 per cent unemployment.

Although French law bans opinion polls being published in the week before voting, it does not forbid them from being carried out or published abroad, and the Internet is expected to breach the curb.

According to a survey published yesterday by *Le Journal du Dimanche*, M Chirac's gamble in calling the snap election should pay off. It said the Gaullist-led coalition was unlikely to win a greater share of the vote in next Sunday's first round than the Socialist-dominated opposition, but would emerge from the second round on June 1 with a parliamentary majority.

In calling the short campaign, M Chirac thought the electorate would be more interested in long weekends, the French football cup final, and the actress Isabelle Adjani, who presided over the Cannes Film Festival, than the political debate. This would thwart Socialist attempts to build up the head of steam needed to overturn the large centre-right majority.

However, he underestimated the extent of the apathy that M Juppé and his Socialist rival, Lionel Jospin, would generate — a miscalculation that leaves him facing a week of doubt.

Analysts say that the extreme-right National Front could benefit from widespread scepticism at the policies proposed by the mainstream political parties.

CHRISTOPHE ENA / AP

Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, tries to eliven the lacklustre election campaign near Toulouse yesterday. A week before polling, many voters are still undecided

Waigel's touch turns sacred gold to stone

INSIDE

Roger Boyes

GERMANY

Theo Waigel is a naturally humorous man whose robust wit derives from the hopelessness of his political position. In a tight corner he keeps his head and, as a result, he has also kept his job.

For the past eight years he has presided, as German Finance Minister, over increasingly messy public finances as unification upset all the usual assumptions about budgetary stewardship. The minister soldiers on but as an infantry man, with a backpack and mud up to his knees, rather than as a Bavarian hussar.

Herr Waigel claims our sympathy because none of his private or political successes has come easy. He is now happily married to a former skiing champion and has a young son. For years he was locked in a lame, difficult marriage and as a devout Catholic struggled to keep it alive. He is chairman of the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), an office that gives him more satisfaction than running the finances of Europe's most powerful nation. But he is constantly at war with Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Premier. The CSU is trying to cling on to its absolute majority — but finds it difficult to do so with an unpopular Finance Minister who threatens to put up petrol tax (hurting Bonn commuters as well as the local car industry) and preaches the euro to sceptical farmers.

Now Herr Waigel is pivotal to the future of the European currency. The forecast of a £6.6 billion shortfall in tax revenue this year was a decisive moment. His normal reaction would have been to launch a new campaign of cuts, curbs and taxes. But he gave in to the temptation for a quick fix and may well have destroyed all public confidence in the euro.

His decision to raise the value of Bundesbank gold reserves has placed him in the role of Wagner's Alberich who takes the virgin Rhinegold to forge it into a ring. Herr Waigel is not stealing the gold — it belongs to the nation not the Bundesbank — but he has touched on something mythical, something fundamental.

His other money-saving or revenue-raising schemes are also unpopular but there are often balms available to soothe the wounds. Gold is different. It has been hoarded with the determination of a country transfixed by fear of inflation. Even now many elderly Germans have straps of gold coins hidden at home. The Bundesbank has breathed fire at any politician attempting to touch the gold. Herr Waigel, searching for the first important short cut in his career, has laid his hand on the metal and sooner of later it will turn into stone.

Almost everything the minister has done since flying to Frankfurt last Thursday has come out wrong. His performance in the Bundestag was weak. The argument that the gold was in any case destined for the European Central Bank has confirmed the worst suspicions of the beer drinkers in my overpriced local. There is now an indissoluble link in their minds between the snatched gold, the abandoned mark, a weak euro and a central bank bullied by the French.

We may now be at a turning point. In nine months we will look back and say, yes, that was the moment when the euro crumpled. The connection between the gold grab and the euro is not entirely logical, but this has nothing to do with syllogisms; it is about curses and atavistic fears.

Everybody in Bonn knows that Herr Waigel wants to be Foreign Minister. But Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, will not risk a reshuffle and so Poor Theo is strapped to his euro, for better or for worse.

Concert for peace divides Cyprus

From Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

THE United Nations-sponsored pop concert in Nicosia today, designed to bring young Greek and Turkish Cypriots together after 23 years, has demonstrated just how deeply divided the island remains.

It has met such strident opposition from hardline groups that a third of the UN's 1,200-member peacekeeping force, including most of the British contingent, will police the event at a football stadium in the UN-controlled buffer zone.

Hundreds of Greek Cypriot motorcyclists are planning a protest at a nearby venue. They have put up posters inviting people to "Come and spit at Sakis Rouvas", the young mainland Greek star who will be singing alongside Burak Kut, from Turkey, in what is expected to be the biggest gathering of Greek and Turkish Cypriots since the 1974 Turkish invasion split the island.

Leaflets appeared at the weekend on car windscreens in the Greek Cypriot south warning parents to keep their children at home. "If you want your children to become passive, homosexuals and organs of Turkish anti-Hellenic propaganda, send them to the concert." It added that the Grey Wolves, an ultra-right Turkish organisation, had threatened to "drown the concert in blood", although diplomats said that there had been no such threat.

The leaflet was signed by "Evagoras", the name of an ancient Greek king who introduced the Greek alphabet to Cyprus. Some Turkish Cypriot press reports have also contributed to the scaremongering, talking of a "Greek Cypriot onslaught at the concert", while a far right group, Turk-Bir, issued a statement calling on its members not to attend.

Surprisingly, most hostility to the event has come from the Greek Cypriot side where the Government has been keen to promote the idea that the two communities can live peacefully together and, along with the powerful Communist Party and left-wing groups, has urged people to attend.

Turkish Cypriots, often prevented by their own authorities from attending bicommmunal events, snapped up their allocation of 3,000 free concert tickets last week, but many from the Greek Cypriot side were returned to the UN.

"We know that there is huge interest among Greek Cypriots, but many have been frightened off by scare stories spread by rejectionists from their own side," said a European diplomat.

Arson attack on Pavarotti's Italian estate

Rome: A house on the country estate of Luciano Pavarotti was damaged by fire at the weekend, apparently in an arson attack (Richard Owen writes).

Police found the words "This is a warning" scrawled on the walls in red paint, but said it was not clear whether the message was intended for the tenor or an Italian rock musician who is renting the house.

The two-storey pink stucco building is part of a complex at Santa Maria Di Mugnano outside Modena, Signor Pavarotti's home town, which includes his equestrian centre and recording studios. The house has been let for the past year to Umberto Maggi, former bass player with the Nomads, a popular Italian band, and former owner of a record company.

Pavarotti: "warning"

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Foreign policy under scrutiny as Cook makes surprise visit to US

Bronwen Maddox reports from Washington *that Mr* Cook will seek clarification of US policy on the expansion of Nato and the EU

ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Secretary, who today becomes the first member of the new Labour Cabinet to visit Washington, arrives at a time when American policy towards Europe is riddled with confusion.

In his hastily-planned visit, Mr Cook will have breakfast today with Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, and then meet William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, Sandy Berger, the National Security Adviser, and senior members of Congress.

Although transatlantic relations were absent from the Foreign Office's mission statement last week, Mr Cook visited Admiral William Crowe, the US Ambassador in London, immediately after taking up his post. Despite the gesture, political observers yesterday questioned whether Mr Cook's insistence on linking human rights and trade would introduce tension into US-British relations.

Mr Cook's visit comes a week before President Clinton's visit to *London and the European Union* summit in The Hague. Top of Mr Cook's agenda will be clarifying the muddles in US policy towards *expansion of Nato and the EU.*

Mr Clinton has made Nato expansion one of the centrepieces of his second term. He has had energetic support from Ms Albright, the daughter of a Czech refugee family, and Strobe Talbott, the Deputy Secretary of State, who is a specialist in Russian diplomacy.

However, the American public and Congress, belatedly waking up to the imminent Nato summit, are showing signs of growing unease, casting doubt on the extent of America's eventual commitment.

Surveys show that the knee-jerk reaction of many Americans is to support the expansion of Nato. The University of Maryland, which *questioned 1,200 adults last September,* found that most backed expansion to central European countries, and even the eventual inclusion of Russia.

The survey emphasises that Americans no longer view Russia as an enemy — a role now occupied by China. But surveys also show that Americans' instinctive benevolence towards Nato expansion does not translate into a willingness to *spend more money,* or risk the lives of American troops on defending new members. It remains unclear whether Mr Clinton will get the backing of the Senate for his proposals later this summer.

Policy towards the EU also shows ambivalence. The Administration *wants to see the* EU enlarged at least to central European countries, to bring them firmly under European influence. However, that aim has left the United States doubtful about whether it supports measures to "deepen" the existing EU, in particular *monetary* union.

Senior American officials are worried that if Emu is successful, it will make inclusion of central European states harder. If Emu fails, it might trigger disillusionment about the entire European *project. They have also come to* realise that Emu might damage US interests: steps to meet the Maastricht criteria might slow growth in Europe, while if the Euro turns out to be a weak currency, more like the lira than the mark, it could widen America's already considerable trading *deficit with the EU.*

The aim of American policy towards Europe is clear: after a century in which the US has repeatedly rescued Europe from itself, what it most wants is stability. Some senior officials go further: they want Europe to become a continent that can protect and finance itself.

But the central cause of confusion in US policy is also clear: it is treating projects which are not at heart political as a route towards this imprecise vision of European harmony. *Nato is simply a defence* alliance, while the EU and Emu, despite the rhetoric of German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, are primarily economic projects.

In projecting its own objectives on to plans which have rather different aims, the US is running several risks. It has overlooked the question of whether these are really in its interest, and whether they will command domestic support when it comes to the crunch.

Clinton sets target for Aids vaccine

By Bronwen Maddox

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday set the development of an Aids vaccine as a national goal for the *next ten years,* in a deliberate echo of John F. Kennedy's challenge to *put a man on the moon* by the end of the 1960s.

Mr Clinton's speech comes after a year of apparent breakthroughs in fighting Aids, leaving scientists cautiously hopeful on treatment of HIV, the virus that can lead to Aids. Life insurers have usually steered clear of *HIV-positive clients. Now,* Guarantee Trust, an Illinois-based concern, is offering special policies aimed directly at such clients. It reckons that some HIV sufferers may now live 15 years or longer, enabling it to offer premiums of about $300 (£187) a month.

***To reach his goal,* Mr Clinton yesterday announced the creation of a new Aids vaccine research centre at the National Institutes of Health in Washington, which will be staffed by 30 to 50 researchers drawn from existing programmes.**

Mr Clinton did not announce any increase in federal government funding of Aids vaccine research, currently about $150 million a year.

Corporate King Lear faces greedy daughters

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

HAROLD SIMMONS, the self-made Texan billionaire who controls one of America's largest chemicals and natural resources conglomerates, is fighting for his financial life after two of his daughters sued him for every last cent.

Set for trial by jury in August, the saga of the *Simmonses is as twisted as it* is gaudy. From humble beginnings as the owner of a small pharmacy *in Dallas 30 years* ago, Mr Simmons has used two trusts in the names of his four daughters to build a huge fortune. All his money is in these trusts, devised as a way of side-stepping the taxman.

To his great chagrin, however, *Mr Simmons* was clobbered early last year with a tax bill of devastating proportions. In an attempt to minimise the damage he sought to dissolve one of the trusts and take personal control of its assets.

Mr *Simmons* approached his daughters for their signatures, expecting the process to *be a formality. He was in for a* rude surprise. Not only did two of his daughters — Scheryle Simmons-Patigian and Andrea Simmons-Swanson — refuse to sign, but they also demanded that their father relinquish all control over *their trusts. When he* refused, they sued him.

The billionaire now likens himself to King Lear, and his daughters to Goneril and Regan. Recently, he told *The Dallas Morning News* that he thought his "thankless" *children were "somewhat disturbed".*

The daughters have shown *great passion in the hounding* of their father, drawing on vast reserves of resentment built up since their allegedly unhappy childhoods. They have ignored the counsel of family friends, as well as that of the two other daughters *who are happy for Mr* Simmons to run affairs, and are intent on wresting absolute control of Contran Corp, the Simmons's vast holding company.

The lawsuit alleges that Mr Simmons has run the trusts to shield himself from public scrutiny, to buy lavish gifts for his third wife (whom the *litigious daughters detest),* and to make secret political contributions to the far right of the Republican party. The two daughters — who might be described, in the American manner, as "radical" — were particularly distressed to learn that money from their trusts had once been donated to Colonel Oliver North.

The case throws an intriguing *public spotlight on how* wealthy American families can channel large sums of money to their favoured causes. Documents have shown that a web of committees under Mr Simmons's control has netted at least $1.5 million for the Republicans since 1980. The daughters claim that these political contributions were made without *their permission, and that* they were often made to sign blank forms.

Scheryle and Andrea allege that Mr Simmons was a cold, unfeeling father who never gave them love. Andrea does not now speak to her father after he told her last year that she had made a "mistake" in falling pregnant again some weeks after giving birth to a *premature baby.*

Mr Simmons dismisses Scheryle as a gormless methodone addict, and accuses Andrea of being under the sway of a greedy husband who wants to milk her rich father of all he can get.

A source reports that an out-of-court settlement before the August trial is "less likely than the discovery of cowboys on *Mars". Lawyers expect some* bruising combat in the courtroom. They also predict that Mr Simmons, the corporate King Lear, is in for a long spell on the Texan heath.

MARK GRAHAM / NEW YORK TIMES

Billionaire Harold Simmons in his Dallas office. He is being sued for every last cent by two daughters

Koreans defy riot police

Kwangju: South Korean students, hurling rocks and firebombs, clashed with riot police at Chosun University *last night for the second time* in 24 hours. They were seeking to parade through the streets the coffin of a young colleague who died of a heart attack during an anti-government protest in March.

The flare-up came as ceremonies attended by about 5,000 local residents were being held to honour as heroes *of democracy* the *student* victims of a 1980 army massacre in the southwestern city of Kwangju. *(Reuter*

Tamils kill 54

Colombo: Twenty-two soldiers *were killed in overnight* clashes with the separatist Tamil Tigers in northern Sri Lanka, raising to 54 the number of troops killed in the latest offensive. *(AFP)*

Algeria move

Algiers: President Zeroual dissolved parliament here in preparation for *elections on June* 5, the first in five years of violent confrontation between Islamic militants and the authorities. *(AFP)*

Nigeria fears

Lagos: *Fears of clashes grew* in Nigeria after bombs killed four people in the mainly Christian city of Onitsha. Colonel Gaddafi, Libya's leader, urged Muslims to crush anti-Islamic movements.

Venice protest

Venice: Supporters of Italy's *separatist* Northern League draped their party's flag from the belltower in St Mark's Square, here, after a rally addressed by Umberto Bossi, their leader. *(Reuter).*

Turkish plea

Dohuk: Turkey appealed to Iran to prevent Kurdish guerrillas from fleeing to safety as Turkish forces pressed on with their anti-separatist incursion in the mountains of northern Iraq. *(Reuter)*

Jordan curbs

***Amman:* *King Hussein* unveiled a tough new press law setting sweeping restrictions on reporting, and stiffening fines for offenders in the run-up to parliamentary elections this year. *(Reuter)*

Continuity suite

Buenos Aires: Juan "Titin" Otero, a radio announcer, has talked his way into the *Guinness Book of Records* by chatting on air for 144 hours and 20 minutes, resting only four hours a day. *(AFP)*

Sex-case bomber pilot to sue for peace with USAF

From Ian Brodie in Washington

THE first woman to pilot a *B52 bomber has decided to* seek an honourable discharge from the US Air Force rather than face a court martial for adultery with a civilian.

Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, who is 26 and single, will submit her resignation request early this week to bring an end to a case that the air force has all but lost in the court of public *opinion.*

Her decision was intended to spare both herself and the air force any *further* embarrassment. Her lawyer, Frank Spinner, said: "She sees her dreams coming to an end. She's not smiling and happy, but she's at peace with herself."

If granted an honourable discharge, Lieutenant Flinn would hope to continue flying in the air force reserves or the National Guard. *She* could even pursue her childhood ambition of becoming an astronaut. Anything less than *honourable discharge* would jeopardise all those hopes.

Mr Spinner will seek to delay the court martial, due to start tomorrow in North Dakota, while her request goes up the chain of command to Sheila Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force.

Last week the air force signalled through the media *that Mrs Widnall* would look favourably on an honourable discharge. Then it denied the *suggestion.* Yesterday air force spokesmen insisted the idea was unusual and granted only rarely. A precedent could be set in which Lieutenant Flinn would not be held accountable for her actions.

An honourable discharge would extricate the air force from an embarrassing situation. A court martial for *Lieutenant Flinn* would be *on* every evening news programme and would be followed closely by the press. *Pundits and radio* callers have been pontificating on the perceived failure of the air force to *show* compassion towards the women it strenuously recruits.

Lieutenant Flinn has rallied public support with a high-profile media campaign, telling her story on television and conducting newspaper interviews.

Air *force officials* have sternly tried to portray Lieutenant Flinn, with little success, as a threat to good order and military discipline for having lied about her affair with a man who deceived her and of disobeying an order to stay away from him.

☐ **Separate training:** A Bill that would separate men and women during basic training, as a way of avoiding a repetition of the *sex* scandals *involving army drill* sergeants, has won the backing of 112 Republicans in Congress.

Haitians face famine as drought worsens

From David Adams in Miami

EMERGENCY food aid is being dispatched to northwest Haiti, where relief workers say that thousands of poor farmers are *threatened by* a drought and famine conditions.

The rainy season has just begun and light showers have brought some hope to Haiti's *most ecologically devastated* region. But a seven-month drought has inflicted a toll of dead cattle and withered crops. It will be months before *residents can again hope to* harvest their own food.

"The situation is critical," said Bridget Wooding, a British development worker who recently spent five days in the drought area.

The region has been especially *hard hit this year.* A poor harvest in August was followed by an even worse one in January, according to a government report that said be a cyclical drought every five to seven years is now happening every three to five years," said Ms Wooding, the Haiti *representative for the* British charity, Action Aid.

It is not known how many *Haitians have died from* starvation. However, nutritional studies show that in worst-hit areas one in five children is suffering medium to acute malnutrition, she said.

Seed stocks are exhausted and local people have used up *what little savings they may* have had. "If the rains are either insufficient, or people don't have seeds, they are going to lose the next harvest too, and then we'll have a real crisis," Ms Wooding said.

Many have left the countryside, swelling nearby towns where food is more plentiful. But scarcity has forced up prices. A large cup-sized measure of rice that was selling

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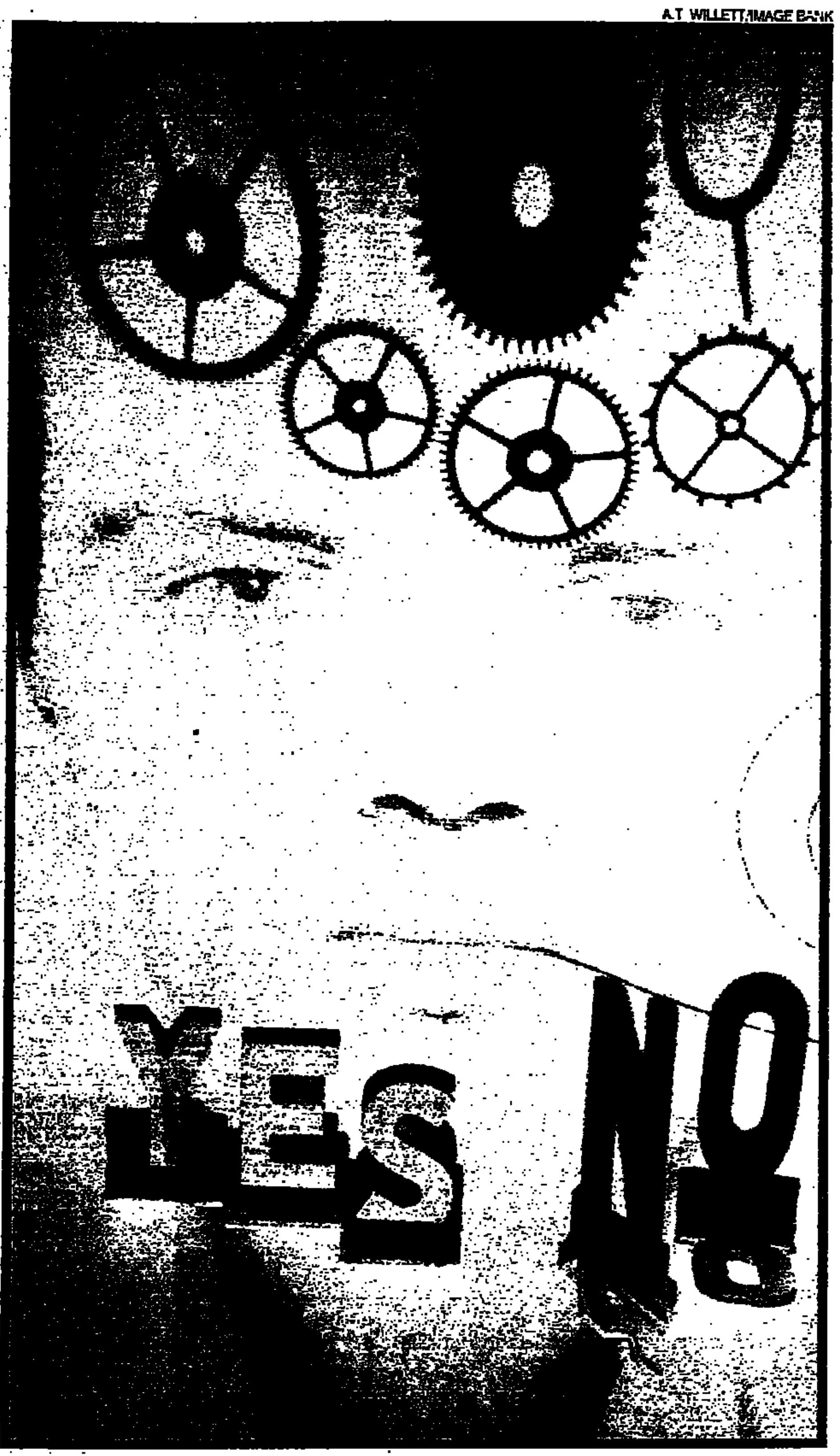
Listening to the censor inside our heads

Researchers hope to shed light on the *mysteries* of the inner voice that allows us to 'talk' to ourselves, says **Anjana Ahuja**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Multiple choice: before you speak, your inner voice rapidly calculates possible answers

Imagine arriving at a party and spying an attractive guest across the room. As you snake towards him or her, your brain is rapidly calculating how to make an introduction. In the space of a few steps, a voice inside your head will have dismissed most chat-up lines as too bold, too ghastly or too clichéd. As a result, the phrase that eventually falls from your lips is likely to be a crafted piece of wordsmanship — concise, sophisticated and socially appropriate for a first meeting.

This is an example of inner speech, a cognitive skill that allows us to "talk" to ourselves. We all have an inner voice — we "hear" it when we read prose or poetry; we can employ it to replay earlier arguments or conversations; we depend on it to prevent us from making tactless or witless remarks.

Inner speech is a sparsely studied phenomenon. It must be intimately bound up with concepts of memory, consciousness and language, which provide the focus for much modern scientific research. However, nobody really knows which cognitive processes allow us to "speak" in our heads and be conscious of it. Now two psycholinguists from Birmingham University hope to shed light on this mysterious inner voice. Dr Linda Wheeldon and Dr Jane Morgan, from the university's School of Psychology, have been awarded £100,000 by the Economic and Social Research Council to investigate inner speech.

Their three-year study will be firmly rooted in linguistics. Dr Wheeldon contends that inner speech is generated by the same processes that produce normal speech — but the cogs stop somewhere short of the vocal chords. Her reasoning seems sound — the linguistic code we use to speak to ourselves is, in many ways, as rich as that which we use to speak to others. We use the same grammatical rules and syntax, and we can still impose stress and intonation on unspoken words.

It follows that the origins of inner speech should be the same as those for ordinary speech. Cognitive theories about how we speak break the process down into four stages. "The first thing we do is to decide on a message," says Dr Wheeldon. "For example, if someone asks how your weekend was, and it was awful, you would want to choose how best to convey that sentiment. You might just say 'It was awful', or you might say 'I fed the cat', which also conveys the impression of a dreadful weekend." Once a message has been chosen, the second stage is to "grammatically encode" it. This means retrieving the appropriate words, from a mental store of about 70,000, and arranging them in the right order.

The third stage is to think about the sound of each word. The fourth stage is to instruct muscles to articulate the finished phrase or sentence. Dr Wheeldon thinks that inner speech conforms to this model, but the process is cut off before the last stage of the plan, speaking, can be executed.

'We can correct slips of the tongue before they come out'

Dr Wheeldon hopes to map the time course of this process by getting volunteers to generate and listen to their own internal speech. One experiment will involve flashing up pictures of objects. Volunteer will then be asked to press a button when the object name generated in their head contains a target sound.

For example, if the target sound is a hard "c", and the volunteers are shown a picture of a candle, they would press the button. They would then be tested for all the other consonant sounds in the word "candle", such as "n" and "d". By measuring how fast they press the button for each sound, the researchers can work out how quickly volunteers generate the word "candle" in their heads. Previous evidence suggests that when faced with such a task, volunteers do not visualise the word in their mind's eye; instead, their inner voice "says" it.

It is clear that we are mostly conscious of what we are about to say. "This ability allows us to stop ourselves from making inappropriate remarks, or commiting faux pas," says Dr Wheeldon. "We can correct slips of the tongue before they come out."

This consciousness, or awareness, as the researchers prefer to call it, has been highlighted in an amusing experiment at California State University. Volunteers were given a list in which pairs of words featured. The volunteers had to read the words out as accurately as possible. The mischievous experimenters had, however, included pairs of words which would prove embarrassing if misread. Examples are "hit shed", "tool kits", "heap chore" and "duck fate". Transposing the first letters of these words would have caused the volunteers to make "taboo errors".

"The volunteers were much less likely to make taboo errors than other types of mistakes," says Dr Wheeldon. "Remember, these were the sort of phrases that most people would not be happy to say during an experiment. The surprising thing was that many people made a partial correction to their mistake and, therefore, turned a taboo error into a safe partial one. They must have been aware they were about to utter something vulgar."

Dr Wheeldon is fascinated by our ability, exposed by that experiment, to monitor and correct our inner speech. Moreover, the way we check our inner speech — for syntax, words, appropriateness, sound errors and slips of the tongue — mirrors the way we listen to other people's utterances. Thus, she posits, inner speech flows, via an internal loop, into the same cognitive circuit which handles the comprehension of external speech.

Dr Wheeldon hopes that their investigations will illuminate new aspects of speech production and comprehension. "Inner speech is one of the few linguistic codes of which we all have awareness," she says.

"And we use it in a range of cognitive tasks other than the planning of speech. It plays a role in reading, writing and memorising words. This work might help us to understand it a little more."

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Nigel Hawkes

FOR MORE than 20 years, gamma ray bursts have been one of the most perplexing problems in astronomy. First detected accidentally in 1973 by US satellites whose real task was to monitor nuclear tests from space, they are intense bursts of energy, lasting from fractions of a second to several hours.

They occur with great regularity, at the rate of about two a day. But their origin has been a mystery. It was impossible even to say whether they came from within the Milky Way, or from an extremely remote object billions of light years away.

Now observations from an Italian/Dutch satellite launched last year have given some clues about these events, which release as much energy in a single burst as our Sun will produce in its entire life. The satellite provides a rapid and accurate position in the sky for the source of the gamma rays, enabling astronomers to point telescopes at the same place and try to identify objects that may be the source.

In April, an international team, including astronomers from Cambridge, was able to report the first identification after tracking a burst that occurred at the end of February to a distant object, apparently located within a galaxy. But some doubt was cast on this conclusion when the Hubble Space Telescope examined the object and failed to show the fuzziness that would confirm that it was indeed a galaxy.

Last week, a team from the California Institute of Technology was able to locate the source of a burst detected on May 8. Within a few hours they were looking for the object with the telescopes at Mount Palomar. They found a starlike object which was changing brightness in an unusual way, and on May 11, using the world's largest telescope, the Keck instrument on Mauna Kea, Hawaii, they were able to measure the light spectrum from clouds of material lying between us and the object. This enabled the distance to the clouds to be calculated, and showed them to be several billion light years away. The object must be even further, about seven billion light years away. Radio emissions from the object have also been detected.

For the first time, therefore, we know for certain that gamma ray bursters are not local objects. That makes the energy they produce even more extraordinary: for a few seconds, the May 8 object burned a million times brighter than an entire galaxy.

The Caltech team was ecstatic. Said Professor Mark Metzger: "When I finished analysing the spectrum and saw features, I knew we had finally caught it. It was a stunning moment of revelation. Such events happen only a few times in the life of a scientist." The new results appear to prove that gamma ray bursts are not local events, but they do not tell us what they are. Favoured theories include the collision between two neutron stars, or a neutron star being swallowed by a black hole.

Serotonin linked to female depression

CANADIAN researchers from McGill University in Montreal may have discovered why women are twice as likely as men to suffer from depression and ten times as likely to develop eating disorders. In a small-scale study, they showed that women make the chemical serotonin — linked to mood and appetite — in their brains more slowly than men.

They put eight men and seven women volunteers on a low-protein diet supplemented with a chocolate syrup laced with all essential amino acids except tryptophan, which is converted metabolically into serotonin. At the same time, they injected the volunteers with minute quantities of a radioactively labelled form of tryptophan, and then gave them a tablet of normal tryptophan. Both were converted into serotonin, and, using a brain scan to detect the tracer, researchers showed that this conversion occurred 50 per cent faster in men.

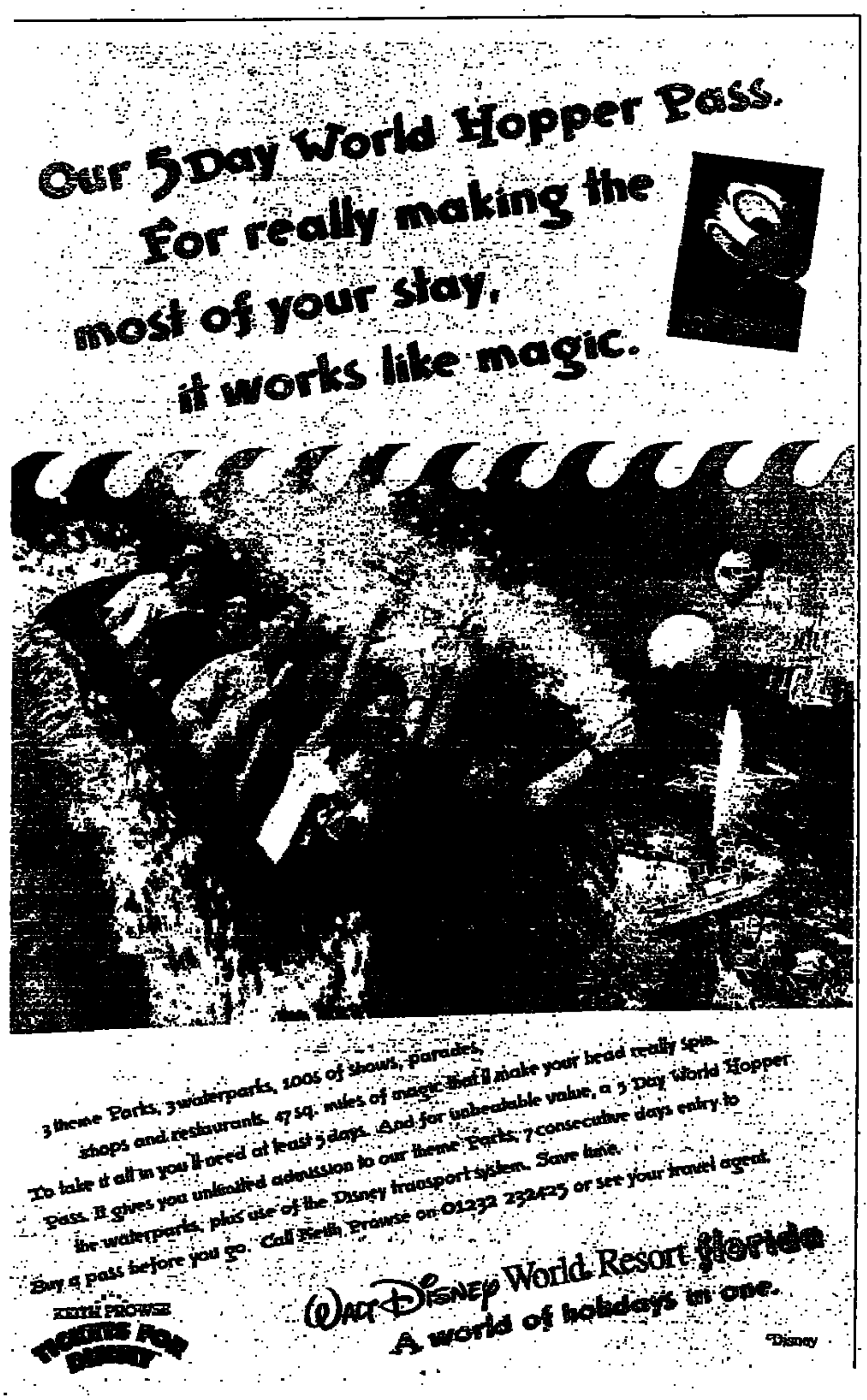
Neurologist Dr Mirko Diksic of McGill says the sluggish production of serotonin may explain the sex differences. Others feel the small study needs to be confirmed.

The drinks are on the mouse

THREE genes that make mice into alcoholics have been mapped for the first time. The researchers responsible from Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon, say that the results tie in with earlier studies on human alcoholics and may help target treatment.

Reporting in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, the team says the mice carrying particular genetic regions on chromosomes 1, 4 and 11 suffered greater withdrawal symptoms when denied alcohol than did mice with different genes. "By zeroing in on the genes that govern physical dependence on alcohol in mice, we can now locate the chromosome regions that carry human versions of these" says Professor Kari Buck, lead author in the study. The gene regions in the study appear to correspond to regions of human chromosomes 1 and 5, and could also be involved in drug addiction, she believes.

"This new information should result in targeting of treatment to the most appropriate populations at risk as well as providing insights into possible preventive medical interventions" says Professor Buck.



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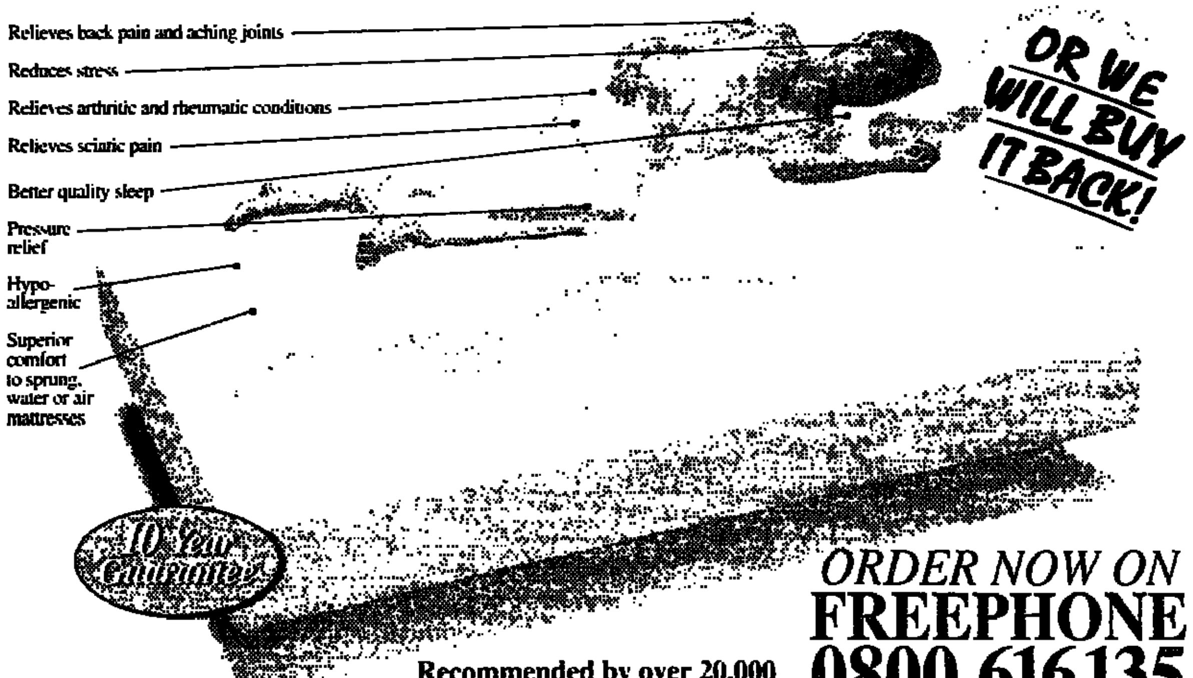

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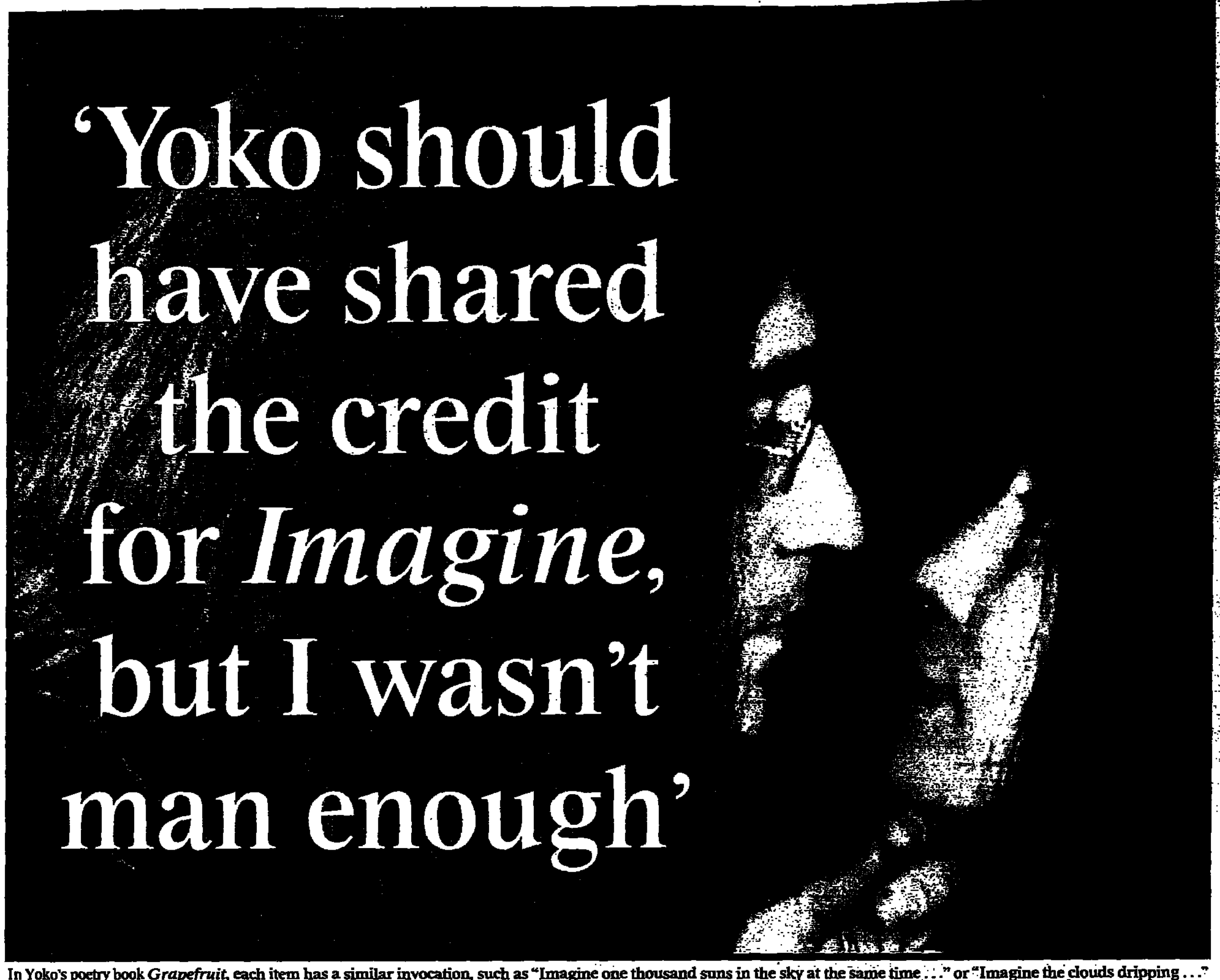
‘Yoko should have shared the credit for *Imagine*, but I wasn’t man enough’

In a new book, *We All Shine On*, rock writer **Paul Du Noyer** offers a comprehensive insight into the stories behind John Lennon’s most moving songs


TOM BLAU

In Yoko's poetry book *Grapefruit*, each item has a similar invocation, such as "Imagine one thousand suns in the sky at the same time . . ." or "Imagine the clouds dripping . . ."

There is only one story behind John Lennon's songs — the story of his life. He once described songs as being like handwriting, because even a shopping list on a scrap of paper might reveal the personality of its creator. In the same way, music speaks to us about the person who wrote it. *In Lennon's case that's doubly true* — he approached his songs as if they were the instalments of *an autobiography*. There are lots of books about the Beatles' music. What is often overlooked is the superb solo work that Lennon produced in the final decade of his life. Between the end of the Beatles in 1970 and his murder in 1980, Lennon kept on weaving dreams. There is no finer way of reliving John Lennon's story than through his music.

IMAGINE

PAUL McCARTNEY's *Let It Be* and Paul Simon's *Bridge Over Troubled Water* had, almost simultaneously, struck a pseudo-religious note in the 1970 hit parade. John was openly contemptuous of *Let It Be*, but he was to write the *third* of these definitive rock hymns himself. *Imagine* is probably the most widely revered of all John's songs, including those by the Beatles. Here, at least, he bettered Paul, whose solo work would never surpass a song like *Yesterday* in popular affections.

The restful opening notes of *Imagine* still strike a deep chord in people of all beliefs. *Strangely, not even its explicitly* secular message has *stopped* the song becoming a favourite at modern-minded religious events.

But the currents that run through *Imagine's* lyrics are muddy, as was Lennon's attitude to the Christian faith he was raised in. "I'm a most religious fellow," he told *Playboy* in 1980. "I only now understand some of the things *that Christ was saying in those* parables." As a child he attended Sunday school and sang in the choir. Christian hymns would have been his first formal engagement with music, just as the Christian God was the first philosophical concept he had to wrestle with. Therefore the church-like tenor of *Imagine* was natural for him, especially as he composed it on the piano *rather than the guitar. And the* subjects it covers — from the existence of God downwards — were themes that nagged at him for years.

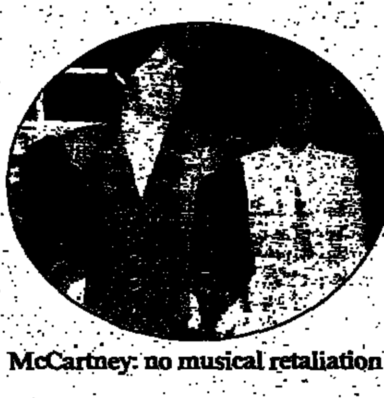
We are asked to imagine a universe *sans* heaven or hell, and a world where people live for the day instead of for the afterlife. Religion, like nationhood, is cited as a cause of conflict. Can we imagine ourselves without them, or material possessions, and living in global harmony? He had ended his previous album by declaring that "the dream is over". *He begins this one by* announcing a new dream, and *inviting us to share it*. There was something clairvoyant, too, in John's critique of national boundaries. The US immigration service would become the bane of his life, and the fight for US citizenship his longest-running battle.

Imagine has its origins in Yoko Ono's book of poems, *Grapefruit*, published in 1964. *In it, Yoko begins each poem* with a similar invocation. Thus, *Tunafish Sandwich Piece* starts: "Imagine one thousand suns in the sky at the same time . . ." *Rubber Piece* begins: "Imagine your body spreading rapidly all over the world like a thin tissue . . ." And *Cloud Piece* is quoted on the album sleeve: "Imagine the clouds dripping. *Dig a* hole in your garden to put *them in." John would later say* that he should have given Yoko a co-writer credit for the song. But, he told *Playboy*: "I wasn't man enough . . . I was still full of wanting my own space after being in a room with the guys all the time, having to share everything."

The second source of inspiration was a prayer book given to John by the US comedian Dick Gregory. Advocating *"positive prayer"*, it advised that to receive anything from God, we must first imagine it for ourselves. This idea impressed John greatly. The day before he died he was still expounding "projection of our goals". If we wish for a positive future we should exert our mental energy and visualise one. In 1980 he observed how this idea, once considered wacky, was being adopted by everyone from business organisations to sports stars. If we conceive the future as violent, we run the risk of creating precisely that.

Sitting in the spacious white *music room of his English* manor, imagining "no possessions", Lennon was soon accused of hypocrisy. But his Utopian dream tapped a vast reservoir of feeling in the post-war world. The song has become a standard. John's own opinion was typically perverse. He stood by *John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band*, believing it more "real" than anything else he had done. But the softer tones of *Imagine* represented compromise, or even sell-out. *"Imagine* was a sincere statement," he told *NME's* Roy Carr in 1972. "It was *Working Class Hero* with *chocolate on. I was trying to* think of it in terms of children." When Paul McCartney was so incautious as to praise *Imagine*, Lennon fired back: "So you think *Imagine* ain't political?. It's *Working Class Hero* with sugar for conservatives like yourself."

HOW DO YOU SLEEP?



McCartney: no musical retaliation

For all its "chocolate-coated" arrangements, *Imagine* has its share of vitriol, and the bitterest song of all was John's blatant assault on Paul McCartney, *How Do You Sleep?*. Amid the legal smoke enveloping the defunct Beatles, relations between the old friends had sunk to an all-time low. In May, a month before the *Imagine sessions*, Paul released his *second* solo album, *Ram* — replete, John thought, with attacks on him and Yoko.

True, the cover includes a photo of two beetles, arguably "screwing" one another. And the music opens with Paul apparently crooning an obscenity. But to most people the *Ram* lyrics were innocuous and vague. Whatever McCartney's intentions, however, there was to be no such obscurity in John's counter-attack. *How Do You Sleep?* really took the gloves off. Drenched in a deceptively gentle *string* setting, the song begins with a parody of *Sgt Pepper's opening and proceeds to* lambast McCartney as a baby-faced lightweight, a man who "lives with straights" who fawn on him, and a writer whose only achievement was *Yesterday*. "Since you're gone," sneers John "you're just Another Day."

There is something almost endearing in the way that the *Imagine* album can range from the highest aspirations of global consciousness-raising to the tiny-minded bickering of the school playground. In accusing McCartney of "Muzak", John knew that he could *depend on hip opinion to back him up*. But it still rankled with him that Paul's melodies possessed the common touch.

Elsewhere John jeers that the "freaks" were right to say that Paul was dead. This refers to the hoax perpetrated by an American radio station in 1969, when myriad "clues" were read into the Beatles' lyrics and album sleeves, supposedly revealing that McCartney was an impostor, the real Beatle having died in a 1966 car crash. This elaborate rumour enjoyed a wide circulation. Why, for example, did Paul's *Sgt Pepper* costume include a badge saying "OPD"? Surely it stood for "Officially Pronounced Dead"? (Alas for conspiracy theorists, that OPD badge came from *the Ottowa Police Department*).

Photographer Kieron Murphy, who was present at the session, recalls there being no discussion of the song's lyric. "He was literally making the album up as he went along. I thought at first it was a slag off of the fans because the first line is 'So Sergeant Pepper took you by surprise'. But it began to click when he sang, the only good thing you did was *Yesterday* and so on."

The track aroused instant controversy. *Rolling Stone* condemned it as *"horrifying and indefensible . . . a song* so spiteful and self-indulgent that it *sanctified the victim and demeaned the* accuser". McCartney refrained from any musical retaliation. But he did comment, "I think it's silly. So what if I live with straights? I like straights. I have straight babies. It doesn't affect *him*. He says the only thing I did was *Yesterday*. He knows that's wrong. He knows and I know that's not true."

JEALOUS GUY

Jealous Guy began its life a few years earlier as *Child Of Nature*, but was not used by the Beatles. Perhaps it clashed with Paul's title, *Mother Nature's Son*, which was unveiled at the same session and duly appeared on the group's *White Album*. *Jealous Guy* in its *finished form* was a keynote song of John's maturing outlook, expressing his rejection of the macho values he had grown up with. In later interviews, he was frank about his violent tendencies, although he believed he had brought that side of his nature under *control. In his youth he fought* often. Indeed some of his earliest press coverage arose from an incident at Paul's 21st birthday party in Liverpool when John attacked his old friend, the Cavern DJ, Bob Wooler, who had accused John of a gay encounter with their *manager, Brian Epstein*.

Worse yet, John confessed he had been violent towards women. He told *Playboy*, "I was a hitter. I couldn't express myself and I hit. That is why I am always on about peace." Jealousy was the usual reason for his outbursts, a tendency revealed in his Beatle song *Run For Your Life*, in which he describes *himself* as a "wicked guy" with "a jealous mind", before taking a line from his hero Elvis Presley's *Baby Let's Play House*, where he warns his girl he'd rather see her dead than with another man.

Jealous Guy begins with a suggestion that John's latest transgression is a lapse into his bad old ways, born of his insecurity. His relationship with Yoko was always stormier than the couple preferred to indicate — it is said he made her list her former lovers, and *resented her knowing* Japanese because it removed so much of her consciousness from him. But in *Jealous Guy*, one of his most persuasive melodies, the eloquence of John's repentance carries all before it.

JOHN'S first wife Cynthia saw plenty of John's volatility during their early courtship, but she doubts that he ever changed entirely, nor needed to. "He was really never a macho working-class man. John. I think his talents were above and beyond that. He *was like a chrysalis. He tended* to try to look like the tough guys so that the tough guys wouldn't pick on him. What John became was what John really was."

In the melancholy winter months after John's death, Roxy Music's sensitive reading of *Jealous Guy* became a worldwide hit, one of the finest musical tributes ever paid to its composer.

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Lennon, a "jealous guy", even when with the Beatles

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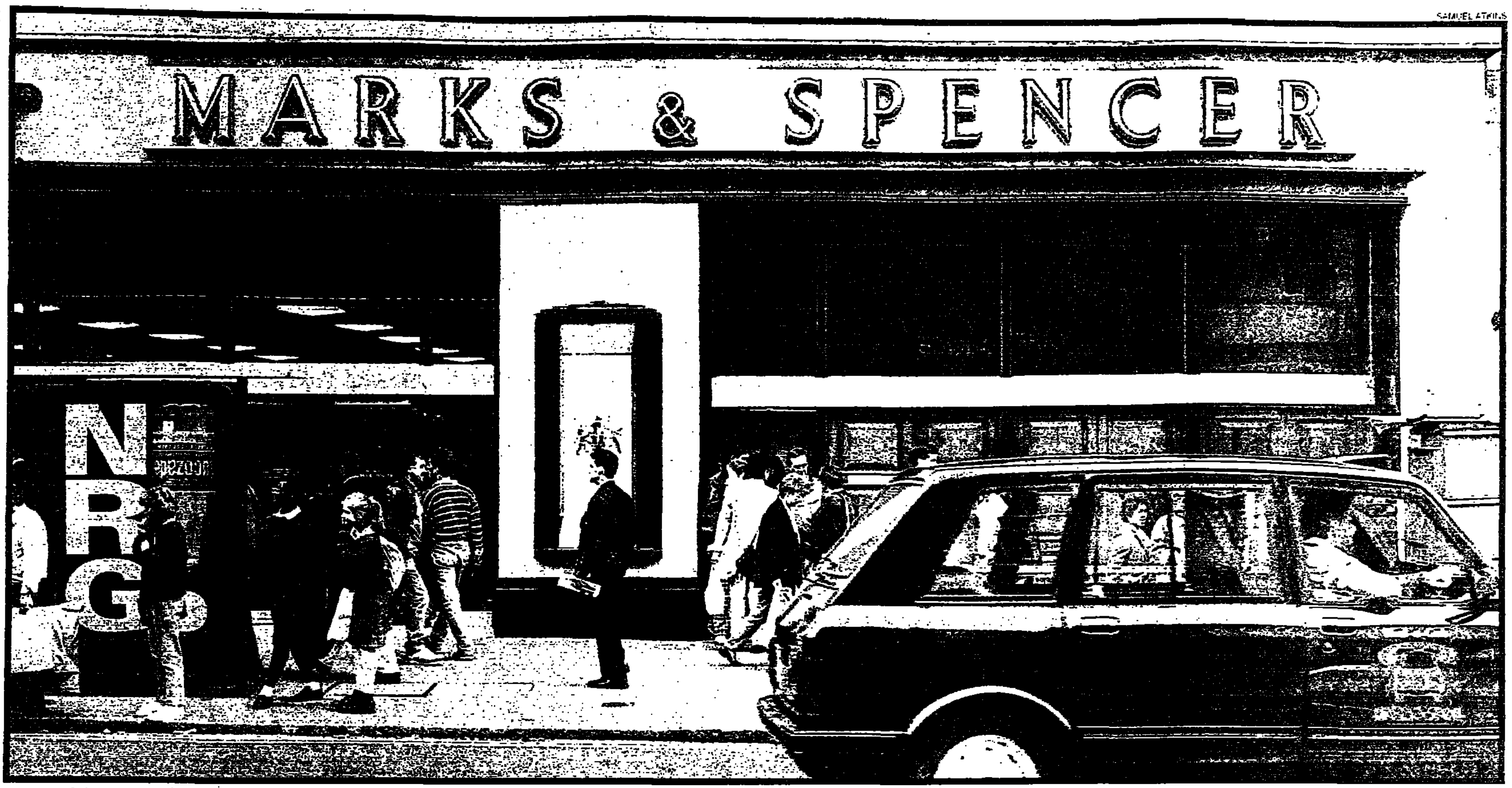

For a while, a couple of years ago, Marks & Spencer was the height of chic and it was a joy to discover that the only difference between the store's clothes and designer labels was the position of the decimal point on the price ticket

How Marks lost its sparks

Two years ago fashion editors were eulogising on the chain store's new chic — but all that has gone, reports Style Editor **Grace Bradberry**

Why does nobody talk about Marks & Spencer any more? Two years ago, the fashion world could talk of nothing else. The camel cashmere peacoat, the Tactel body in every conceivable colour and the stretch jodphurs were spoken of in the same hushed tones as a Prada bag. This was usually followed by a shriek: *"Twenty-nine ninety-five"* — for some reason it was impossible to whisper the price.

Yet now there is silence. When did you last hear someone chic boast of finding the perfect shirt in Marks & Spencer? When did you last notice anything from the store in a glossy magazine?

As time goes by, *Vogue*'s "Gospel According to St Michael", published in April 1995, sounds increasingly like an apocryphal tale. Go into the average regional store and it looks like a downright untruth. The most cutting-edge items are simple jersey pieces designed in conjunction with Betty Jackson — scarcely one to shock even in her own collection.

The "basics", which so recently had fashion editors swooning, no longer seem to have that nearly-Donna-Karan edge. And though there are a few high-fashion items in the collection they can be found in only a handful of stores. In short, the chain is returning to its suburban roots.

Was M&S womenswear "too fashion-led"?

At first, it seems incredible that this could have been allowed to happen. When Marks & Spencer first got its act together back in 1992 and 1993, many of us wondered why on earth it hadn't caught on sooner. With a strangle-hold on British manufacturing, and the power to buy good fabrics cheaply and in bulk, it seemed inevitable that it should play designers at their own game for a fraction of the price. A *simple* body, a *simple* dress, that was what everyone wanted; and if it was so simple, why did it have to cost so much? Suddenly it didn't.

In September 1993, *The Sunday Times Magazine* devoted a fashion spread to the store. Marks & Spencer, it said, had "got" fashion in a big way. "Now if we do a long skirt it's really a long skirt," declared the design director Brian Godbold. "We aim to make definitive pieces rather than watered-down versions."

The following year, the company hired Linda Evangelista to prove the point. Patrick Demarchelier's picture of her in thigh-length black socks, a black mini-skirt and a black polo-neck came to symbolise the new Marks & Spencer.

In the same year Anna Harvey, deputy editor of *Vogue*, and Kate Reardon, style editor of *Tatler*, were among those who appeared in a newspaper feature which eulogised the St Michael label.

Elsewhere, anyone who was anyone seemed to drop little hints that Marble Arch, not Brompton Cross, was the "in" place to shop. Lynne Franks, a designer-label junkie, was reported to have said that she didn't bother to go anywhere else because you could now get "everything you could ever need under one roof". Even Karen Finley, a New York conceptual artist, made it clear she could scarcely spare time for a *Guardian* interview because she wanted to get to Marks & Spencer.

Really, it was a joy to discover that the only difference between Marks & Spencer and designer clothes was the position of the decimal point on the price ticket.

You won't hear any such thing now. Yet the reason for this is not as simple as Marks & Spencer losing its way, or the fashion world finding new heroes. In truth, it is hard to say whether the fashion crowd has abandoned Marks & Spencer, or Marks & Spencer them. If this sounds mad, then it is worth referring back to the company's annual meeting of July 1996. Questioned about womenswear marketing, Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairmain, conceded: "We were possibly too fashion-led in the spring." In effect, Sir Richard was dismissing not only the *Vogue* feature of April 1995, but the whole glossy strategy of the company that year. To thousands of metropolitan women it had seemed quite brilliant. But Rochdale woman had thought differently.

It was no coincidence that by the time Sir Richard made his statement to the AGM, Gillian Wheatcroft, the head of PR for the last five years, had left to work elsewhere. It was she who had brought about the Evangelista campaign, and had helped fashion writers to fall in love with Marks & Spencer.

Ms Wheatcroft was aided, of course, by a great product. But her legendary generosity may also have helped. If, for example, a fashion shoot stylist failed to return the odd item, it was unlikely an invoice would be sent.

One insider, a magazine journalist, says: "Tragically I was never a beneficiary of her generosity but I heard talk for years of it going on." She adds, however: "The clothes have lost it, although the pieces that appeared in all the magazines were often only available in Marble Arch."

This may be another key to Marks & Spencer's apparent volte-face. With a few notable exceptions, such as the chenille jumper which was such a big hit in autumn 95, the high fashion pieces could never sell in large numbers. Making smaller numbers of a wider range of styles is not the best way to make money. To sell something across a wide age and geographical range, the fashion edges often have to be knocked off.

"I think Marks is very canny about the way it judges the fashion content," says Richard Perks, senior retail *analyst at Verdict, the retail* consultancy. "It keeps up with the fashions without being very fashionable, and produces a smaller number of different styles which it retails in high volume."

It may seem odd that Marks & Spencer is downplaying its fashion content just as Dorothy Perkins, for example, is wheeling in the design team Clements Ribeiro to produce a collection. According to Richard Perks however, "The chain causing Marks & Spencer the most grief is Next, which has brought its prices down to Marks's level." There are no designer link-ups at Next.

Even if the company were still producing the to-die-for little pieces that it once did, it is unlikely that it would be as talked about. For one thing, fashion is no longer obsessed with all things "simple" and "classic".

A new mood of bohemianism has swept through the British scene and the emphasis is now on stunningly impractical pieces — Dolce & Gabbana's leopard-print chiffon coat, Clements Ribeiro's loud flowery dresses. Reject this eclectic boho look and the alternative is minimalism, but the shrink-wrap jersey look so in vogue at the moment is surprisingly difficult to emulate compared with its early-Nineties equivalant.

Before, the important thing was to get "the uniform" — but to do so at bargain prices. In the midst of the recession it was simply not done to boast of forking out for designer labels. But with the economic upturn, conspicuous spending is back. Hunting for something similar at cut-price is once again naff — much better to go to Portobello market and find something different altogether.

Of course, the fashion pack would still like to be able to buy flat-fronted trousers just like the Joseph ones for a quarter of the price. They are just not going to shout about it any more. Unsurprisingly, Marks & Spencer is not therefore going to produce them.

Spurned by those who so recently canonized him, St Michael, it seems, has gone back to watching over Tunbridge Wells.

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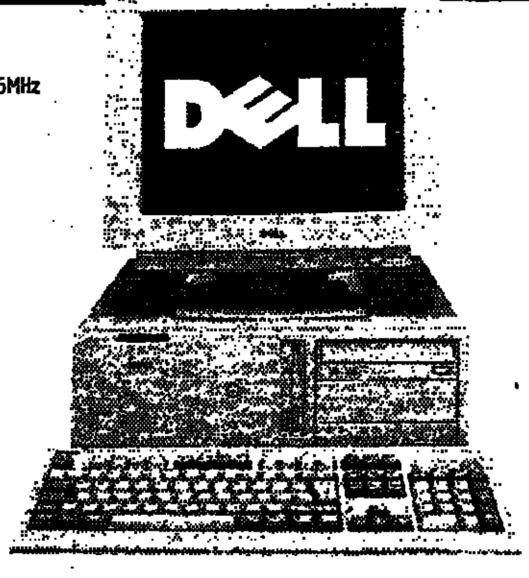

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POP

Introspection and melancholia are on the menu as Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds play the Albert Hall

GIG: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday

VISUAL ART: Collector, writer and occasional pop star David Bowie is now in publishing. **Isabel Carlisle** finds out why

Hot art gossip by Bowie

David Bowie: "In the Sixties I realised there was another thread of art history in ideas rather than in representation"

It has become a cliché to say that David Bowie has reinvented himself so often that it's hard to get a grip on the real man. From Ziggy Stardust to Thin White Duke, from Rock God to art world celebrity, change itself appears an essential ingredient of his life. Yet there are constants, and art is one of them — not least, as he explains, because Marcel Duchamp and his legacy showed him the enormous creative potential of breaking down boundaries and venturing into *new territory*. Bowie as post-Modern man might well be the ultimate persona.

Tomorrow sees Bowie venturing into art book publishing with the launch in London of a new company called 21 and of its first book, *Blimey! From Bohemia to Britpop: The London Artworld from Francis Bacon to Damien Hirst*. The company is a co-venture managed and backed by Bowie, Sir Timothy Sainsbury (supermarket magnate and a sponsor of the National Gallery's Sainsbury Wing), gallery-owner Bernard Jacobson, and the editor of the art magazine *Modern Painters*, Karen Wright. "It's called 21 for the 21st century," says Bowie, and future plans include monographs on Jackson Pollock and the St Ives artist, Peter Lanyon.

"Art is not elite any more," Bowie explains. "We want to keep the writing accessible — the same number of people that go to rock concerts go to museums and galleries."

The four backers make it clear that they are not out to take on the art publishing giants such as Phaidon or Thames and Hudson, but rather to publish work they believe in. Wright says: "Small publishing houses are rapidly disappearing; we have a chance to do things that might not get through big committees."

Blimey! From Bohemia to Britpop is a highly readable and gossipy account of the young London art scene. Its author, Matt Collings, writes a regular diary of his art world encounters and musings for *Modern Painters* in a style that resembles an impetuous, streetwise Gertrude Stein. He opens his new book with "Hello Reader! I went to Quo Vadis the other night. That's the well-known restaurant in Dean Street that Damien Hirst recently redesigned. Now it's full of art by young people who are in *Vogue* and on TV all the time. Are they any good?"

"Gossip is really important," says Bowie. "It is what we do all the time. It's the pivot of our interaction with each other. In the Sixties a historical overview emerged which was more attuned to individuals than to patronage. This way of thinking, of which gossip is a part, is breaking down the barriers between the art forms — it's the way life in the 21st century should go." On Collings's book, Bowie says: "It is the late 20th century observed not by an intellectual but by a burglar's torch." Wright adds: "Using large pictures of artists and small pictures of the works cocks a snook at traditional art publishing."

Bowie first met Bernard Jacobson when he went into his gallery to look at paintings by the British artist David Bomberg to add to his art collection. "My collection is 80 per cent British art," says Bowie. "I also have works by Reg Butler, William Turnbull, Augustus John, Wyndham Lewis, Paolozzi, John Bellany, the crazy pop Dadaist Clive Barker, as well as a couple of pieces by Damien Hirst, Sarah Lucas and Gary Hume." A friendship developed and Jacobson, who co-founded *Modern Painters*, encouraged him to write for the magazine.

An interview with Balthus was the first piece Bowie did for *Modern Painters* in 1994. Published verbatim, it took up 20 pages and established Bowie's credentials as someone who knew about art, had read a great deal about it and took it seriously. Since then Bowie has appeared in its pages alongside writers such as Patrick Heron, Richard Wolheim, Bryan Robertson and David Sylvester, and in 1994 he was brought on to the editorial board. Bowie contributed a piece on the black American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat when Basquiat's exhibition was at the Serpentine Gallery, and subsequently played Andy Warhol in the film about Basquiat's life made by the New York artist, Julian Schnabel.

Bowie has collected art ever since he could afford it, when spare cash no longer had to be spent on plectrums and guitar strings. "German Expressionist woodblock prints and bits by Picabia, Man Ray and Duchamp were the first things I bought and they influenced me enormously. For *Ziggy Stardust* the combination of images, its randomness and confusion, was taken from Dada while the staging came from German Expressionism and film makers of that period such as Fritz Lang and Pabst. The very extreme white lighting was trying to recapture the feel of Lang's *Metropolis*," he says.

Bowie found art a model not just for what could be achieved, but for how it could be achieved. "In the Sixties I digested everything and it was a very formative period because I realised that there were no boundaries — there was another thread of art history in ideas, rather than in representation. I found Duchamp and his school so exciting. It was as if they were saying, 'I defy you to come to terms with this idea'. That made everything seem possible. Rock, too, was about interfacing different attitudes. When a child puts its nose to the edge of an open door, and looks on both sides at once, that's how I feel."

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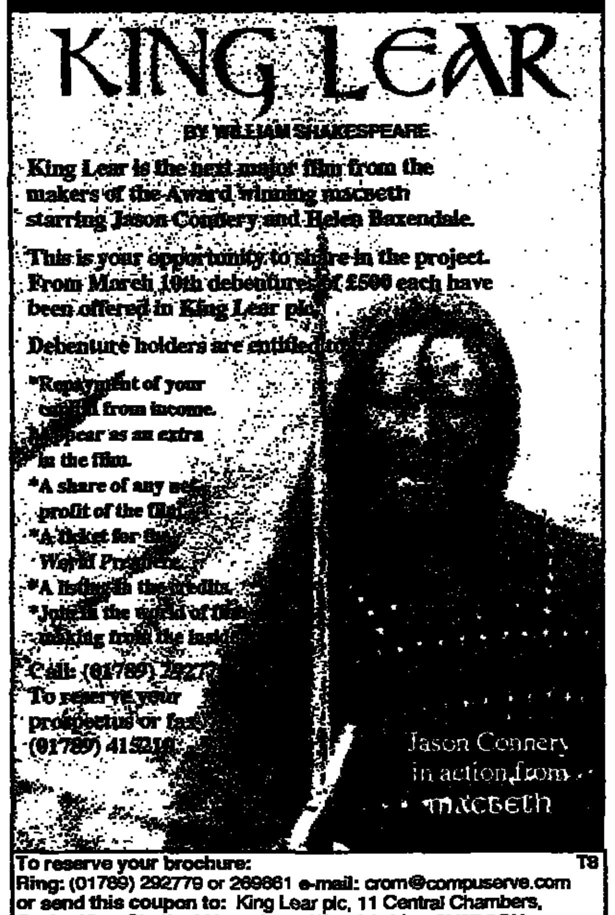

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CONCERTS: Gatti with flu; Russians in Birmingham

Solid sound under strain

RPO/Gatti
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ROYAL Philharmonic banners fluttering in the breeze proclaim the Royal Albert Hall as its London home, and certainly the orchestra seems to have settled down there. Under its music director Daniele Gatti it is turning out solidly crafted, occasionally inspired, performances.

That Wednesday night's concert exemplified the former rather than the latter might have been due to the indisposition of Gatti. In spite of suffering from influenza, he conducted the concert, though cancelled the discussion due to have taken place afterwards.

There seemed a sense of lethargy in his readings of Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel* and Mahler's Symphony No 1. Certainly the Strauss went through the motions of the programme but it was not storytelling of a kind where one hung on every word. If the climactic moments of the Mahler were worth waiting for, there could have been more zest injected into the parody band music of the funeral march. The lilting trio of the second movement, however, was done with tasteful glissandi and well-judged rhythmic hesitations.

Strauss's Oboe Concerto is a difficult work to bring off in a large space such as the Albert Hall. I suspect many people further away will have had difficulty registering much of the detail: from my own seat, hardly a bow's length from the back desk of the strings, I heard plenty of detail but in a false perspective.

It was enough, though, to enjoy the mellifluous artistry of Christopher Cowie, soloist for the evening. The opening roulades were spun seamlessly, and the conversational quality of the line was captured in spontaneous, mercurial phrasing.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Youth fails the challenge

THERE is no such thing as a divine right in music. I suspect that, as the present senior member of a distinguished musical dynasty, **Pavel Kogan**, the chief conductor of the **Moscow State Symphony Orchestra**, thinks there is. But as the son of a great violinist he should also know that Dmitri Kogan, his own son and Leonid Kogan's grandson, has no right at this stage in his career to be playing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto on an international concert platform (and so should IMG Artists, which must surely be expected to exercise a strict quality control on behalf of the venues which buy into the tours it promotes).

Before coming to Symphony Hall in Birmingham 18-year-old Dmitri had played in Coventry, Cardiff and Nottingham, and it could be that he did all these perfectly well, but I seriously doubt it. He has obviously been through some rigorous drilling and he did manage some of the virtuoso passages impressively enough, not least the double-stopped arpeggios and bravura runs in the coda of the last movement. But in matters of melodic phrasing, rhythmic subtlety, expressive colouring, identification of and commitment to the composer's emotional and structural purpose at any given point — not to mention consistency in intonation and keeping in time with the orchestra — I have never heard a performance as clumsy and as uncomprehending as this one. The audience, I should add, was ecstatic.

Having selected four items from Khachaturian's concert suites, with the evident intention of combining the most exotic excerpts from the ballet with the most popular, Pavel Kogan produced scarcely one authentic thrill. His treatment of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol* at the beginning of the concert, though heavily over-coloured by percussion, was more effective. But his interpretation of Shostakovich's Ninth Symphony entirely missed the composer's exquisitely ironic point.

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Things of beauty arrive broken in the Box

The Royal Geographical Society runs a series of lunchtime lectures called *Last Word*. I am giving one tomorrow and I fear that I may have taken them too literally. I argue that the small screen could be at war with what is essential in the arts. That, while television is brilliant at summaries and approximations, what constitutes the uniqueness and purpose of art is often lost, perhaps damaged, sometimes betrayed.

Writing that was strangely liberating. For years I have been an advocate for the arts on television, and brought to bear arguments which range from access to Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich's notion of "the Beholder's Share", wherein the viewer's imagination and experiences fill out what might be slight and superficial. Taking what seems to me the devil's part was a delinquent pleasure. I have often argued the analogy between dance and football (not, save ironically, on aesthetic grounds) simply to show that just as watching football on a small screen can be amplified into an experience comparable to attending a live game, so the elasticity of the imagination can do the same for dance.

But can it? Or is the whole notion of space, human measurement, lines of movement, live audience presence, all betrayed, as we caged the noble lions Nureyev and Baryshnikov and put them into tubes where they were as unhappy as any animal in a zoo.

Again in painting. There have been superb programmes recently by Andrew Graham-Dixon, Robert Hughes, Michael Gill (Vermeer), Gerald Fox (Gilbert and George) and Melissa Raimes (Howard Hodgkin), but even these deeply worked films slide by the point. When I look at *The Lake* by Corot, for instance, what strikes me first is the size of it. It is neither big nor small, but it is the size Corot intended it to be and it is not the size of any television screen. I look at it in my own time. I return to it. I concentrate on the parts of it I wish to concentrate on. I am not in the hands of a director, however sensitive. Gradually, at my own pace, the painting seeps into my mind, rather like the drizzle that permeates it. How on earth could that be replicated on television?

The argument goes on with, for me, a peculiar mixture of pessimism and exhilaration. We all know that "poetry is what is lost in translation", but there is a vague belief that prose fiction can carry from the page to the screen. Look at the success of the Jane Austens.

Success, yes. Expert, entertaining, a cut above, a delight; but Jane Austen? In *Persuasion*, for example, on page 2 there is a simple paragraph on the late Lady Elliot,

"whose judgment and conduct, if they might be pardoned the youthful infatuation which made her Lady Elliot, had never required indulgence afterwards". Three sentences later we have a portrait, not only of Lady Elliot, but also of the moral steer of the novel. The hidden core is there in the description of someone who does not "appear", and yet is essential.

The US cavalry in this argument arrives first in the persons of artists, most notably dramatists, who work directly on to television — Jimmy McGovern, John Cleese, Dennis Potter, Richard Curtis and Ben Elton — and secondly among arts documentary-makers who at their best can make a fair claim to be artists.

This does not mean that they capture the essence of the art on a medium which is so different. It does mean, though, that in describing people and a process, an event and craft — or all of these — they inhabit what might be fancifully called a parallel universe to that of the artists at the centre of their work. Indeed, an arts documentary film can sometimes be more effective than the work it addresses; but it can never register the unique quality of another art.

We are entering one of the greatest boom times ever in British film and television production. When Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, handed over £92 million in Cannes (which will trigger another £300 million) he gave the British film industry a heave up the final incline of production and distribution which has given it so much trouble over the past 90 years.

Another great opportunity presents itself this week, when the Independent Television Commission is to grant digital terrestrial multiplex licences to broadcast on 15 new channels. There are two bidders. One consists of Granada (of which I am an employee), Carlton and BSkyB, backed by the BBC. The other is DTN, an American cable company.

It has not been widely reported that a British company would not be allowed to apply for a similar licence in America, which does seem a touch odd. We are all internationalists now, but these 15 channels are very valuable to thousands of new young people in the media in this country, and it might be odd to see the licences go to a company which has to send its profits back to America.

Moreover, the Granada consortium is promising a £30 million investment for *original production* for each of the 15 channels. This would be enough, together with the new film money, to give many of our young talented new directors and technicians the chance for take-off. Surely we are not going to walk away from an opportunity such as this?

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Jury in search of a masterpiece

From *The Killer Condom* to *Regeneration*, **Geoff Brown** rounds up the contenders at the Cannes Film Festival

So the party's over. The red carpet is rolled up, the bunting dismantled, and the man employed to advertise the German film *The Killer Condom* has flown off to pastures new.

Perhaps this Cannes festival would have seemed better if it had not been the fiftieth edition. For that you expect a parade of masterpieces, or at least a handful of titles strong enough to bring on the trumpets and drums. They never arrived; nor did any critical consensus. The competition jury had a lot on its plate trying to find winners that could satisfy personalities as varied as Mike Leigh, Tim Burton, and the novelist Michael Ondaatje.

For days in advance, Atom Egoyan's **The Sweet Hereafter** was being trailed as a possible victor. Once it unspooled, opinions varied, though it was easy to be seduced by the wintry widescreen imagery. The film, based on Russell Banks's novel, tells of a lawyer (a tight-lipped Ian Holm) who stirs anger in a small town grieving for 14 children lost when their school bus spun off an icy road.

This is the first time the idiosyncratic Canadian director has adapted someone else's work. There is an immediate gain in emotional directness: for Egoyan, the film is remarkably moving. There is also a loss of intellectual depth, and not every jiggle in the story's time frame seems justified. But for this viewer the gains easily dominated. Egoyan's films were starting to suffer from in-breeding; *The Sweet Hereafter* provides a lovely infusion of fresh blood.

Hopes, and fears, were also high for **Funny Games**, the new film from the Austrian director of *Benny's Video*, Michael Haneke. This came equipped with warning about its disturbing content. In fact there is little violence; any queasy feelings are induced by the apprehension of nasty acts at the hands of the two youths who assume control of a family's lakeside summer home, and announce that mother, father and son will be dead by nine in the morning.

> ❝After *In the Company of Men* I gave my sex a wide berth❞

Haneke positions the audience as co-conspirators, willing the worst to happen. Scrupulously well directed, these games with violence and the media never really get under the skin or tell us anything new; the truly violent competition entry was Matthieu Kassovitz's **Assassin(s)**, a show-off film with nothing worth showing.

A few other competition films pushed technique to the edge. Abbas Kiarostami's **The Taste of Cherry**, for a while the subject of an Iranian embargo, spent most of its time in a car winding along dusty roads, driven by a man bent on suicide. When the film moved the heart, *it moved mightily*. Then **La Femme Défendue**, from an up-and-coming talent, Philippe Harel, used the subjective camera to lure us into a commonplace tale of adultery. There was nothing commonplace, however, about the insights into how people hurt each other, or the virtuoso performance by Isabelle Carré, onscreen throughout. And for sheer visual dynamism, no film could top Wong Kar-Wei's **Happy Together**; a slim tale of male lovers lost and found in Buenos Aires, bolstered by Christopher Doyle's dazzlingly stylised photography.

For uncomplicated pleasure, one film loomed higher than any other: Curtis Hanson's **L.A. Confidential**, an adaptation of the labyrinthine novel by James Ellroy, with an excellent cast led by Kevin Spacey and Russell Crowe. Booze, drugs, police corruption, journalistic sleaze: they were all on parade, cleverly choreographed, though the dance went on a little too long.

Outside the competition, there was the usual raft of American independent product, though their independence seems be shrinking. The same material, the same actors; the same desire to be hip or grungy. **Kicked in the Head** from Matthew Harrison wished to be both, with dispiriting consequences, as it trailed unlikeable characters around Manhattan's Lower East Side, searching for love, money, cocaine, and the higher truth.

Austrian Michael Haneke's well directed *Funny Games* came with a warning about its disturbing content, but there is little violence

In the Company of Men was something else, and set people talking from its very first screening. Neil Labute, the writer-director, has ideas in his head, if not the wherewithal to express them fully. The men are not good company at all. White-collar executives with women trouble, they hatch a plot to woo someone vulnerable — deaf, in fact — only to ditch her and cause exquisite pain. Much of the action unfolds like a play (Labute has a theatrical background), but in the main the dialogue is tart enough to keep us riveted and appalled by the portrait of the corporate male beast. After the screening I gave my sex a wide berth.

British film-makers were also much in evidence, though those in search of the new Jarman or Greenaway came away disappointed. Richard Kwietniowski's first feature **Love and Death on Long Island** proved more mainstream than his earlier shorts, though audiences chortled happily enough through Gilbert Adair's story about an unworldly English writer (John Hurt, very sweet) who conceives a passion for a movie hunk after wandering into the wrong cinema and watching *Hotpants College II*.

There was also John Madden's traditional but deeply felt **Mrs Brown**, which explored the relationship between Queen Victoria (Judi Dench, to the manner born) and John Brown, her Highland factotum and friend. Billy Connolly assumed that role with sensitivity and dignity: not his usual qualities.

Rather more interesting were **My Son the Fanatic** and **Regeneration**. The latter only had market screenings, though no doubt success lies ahead for Gillies MacKinnon's powerful adaptation of Pat Barker's novel, following the fortunes in 1917 of two war poets, a working-class officer, and a psychiatrist on the verge of his own nervous breakdown. Jonathan Pryce is expectedly fine as Dr Rivers, and Jonny Lee Miller touching as the officer rendered mute by the trenches.

My Son the Fanatic, written by Hanif Kureishi, was another sinewy film with ideas. A Pakistani taxi-driver in a northern town deepens his relationship with a hooker just when his son falls under the sway of fundamentalists. Udayan Prasad, director of the admirable **Brothers in Trouble**, has trouble tying the film's many strands, but the warm performances of Om Puri and Rachel Griffiths ensure a strong emotional core. Not a perfect movie; not a perfect Cannes festival.

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Environmentalists and suppliers have the same aims, write **Brian Duckworth** and **Simon Lyster**

Environmental groups and water companies do not often stand shoulder to shoulder. But today we do. The new Government is hosting a "Water Summit", and the water company Severn Trent and the Wildlife Trusts are united about what needs to be done.

The key to water sustainability — meeting society's needs for water without damaging the environment — is partnership. The Government has recognised this, and we welcome today's meeting as a first step towards getting politicians, regulators, water companies, environmentalists and consumers to tackle the problem together. Environmental groups can use their influence to help water companies promote wise use of water, and the water industry must hoist the environmental banner too.

Per capita demand for water in Britain has almost doubled over the past 40 years and the signs are that it will carry on rising. However, some water supplies have come under pressure in the recent drought years, and if climate change predictions are right there will be even less water available, at least in the southern half of Britain, in 15 or 20 years' time.

In response to the growing demand for water for homes, factories, farms and gardens, we have put an unacceptable strain on our natural environment. Not all the news is bad, though. River quality is improving and the quality of the water we drink is better than ever before. Nevertheless, hundreds of our most precious wildlife sites are suffering from over-abstraction of water. And when water levels are down, vulnerability to pollution increases.

> We need to agree a strategy to reverse the growth in water usage

So what needs to be done? Well, Severn Trent and the Wildlife Trusts agree that abstracting water at levels causing damage to important wildlife sites should stop. We would like the Government to tell all water-abstractors that this must cease. The regulating agencies need powers to follow this through. Furthermore, we would like the Government to say that it expects the water industry and regulators to improve the environment and to aim for the species and habitat recovery targets contained in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. A clear message from the Government about river quality is also crucial.

It will be possible to achieve this while meeting customer needs only if water is used more efficiently. The Government and water industry must adopt a strategy to reverse the growth in consumption.

In recent years, water companies have invested heavily in reducing leakage, but more work is needed. Leakage rates of 15 per cent — about half the present average — should be the norm.

Water-metering should be encouraged. Research by Severn Trent has shown that metering can lead to 20 per cent reductions in consumption. But it would be both socially inequitable and a waste of resources to require immediate metering everywhere. Water-usage in inner city flats is low compared to consumption in suburbs characterised by larger homes with garden sprinklers. Metering should be targeted where it will have most impact.

The Government and the water industry have a responsibility to promote a whole range of water-efficiency devices from low-flush toilets and water-efficient domesic applicances to garden water-butts and trickle irrigation systems. And environmental groups such as the Wildlife Trusts must join the campaign to encourage the public to use less water.

But even if all this is done, the industry will need to plan imaginatively and invest heavily to meet both human and environmental needs in the next century. Climate change predictions suggest that the once-in-250-years drought of the 1990s could be occurring one year in three by 2050. We are likely to see heavier winter rainfalls and drier, warmer summers. Making better use of the winter rains will help us to maintain rivers and wetlands during drier summers.

Severn Trent already has a policy of taking water from rivers at times of high flow so that it can use stocks from reservoirs when flow levels are lower. This is good for the environment, but costly. It also requires more water storage. Yes, we may well need to build more reservoirs. But if properly planned and sited, reservoirs can enhance the environment.

We shall need an efficient system of sub-regional grids to take water where it is needed most, but we must take care not to use rivers or wetlands for the transfer of water with characteristics different from those occurring naturally. It would be highly damaging, for example, to transfer naturally acidic water via chalk streams, or vice versa.

Our fundamental contention is that there can be enough water for both people and wildlife in Britain, and that as a society we should demand nothing less. But it will require continuing investment to achieve. That is why it would be ridiculous for the regulator and the Government to insist on water price reductions in the next few years. Customers are telling the water companies that they will not tolerate water restrictions in the future. We must, therefore, do everything we can to meet the needs of water-users and the environment. The environment would be the loser if price reductions were forced on the industry and investment cuts had to be made.

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Conservatives need to reform their organisation from bottom to top — *starting with the leadership ballot*

The new leader needs a democratic party

William Rees-Mogg

To whom does the Conservative Party belong? Does it belong to the leader? No, he is the servant, not the sovereign. Does it belong to the Members of Parliament? No, they are elected because they have the support of the party. The Conservative Party belongs to its members, just as the sovereignty of the nation belongs to its citizens. To go back to the true original doctrine of democracy, John Locke concluded his *Treatise of Civil Government* thus: "If they have set limits to the duration of their legislature, at the determination of the time set, the people have a right to place the legislature in new hands as they think good." The people of Britain have just thought it good to have a new Government; are the people of the Conservative Party to be given the same opportunity, or will be it exercised by a narrower and unrepresentative group?

Everyone involved in the last general election seems to be agreed on one thing: the Conservative Party in too many constituencies was dying on its feet. The officers were mostly in their sixties or seventies, a few in their eighties. There was no adequate canvass, not even in many of the seats the Tories lost. There were part-time or temporary agents in place of the full-time professional agents who once worked so hard to turn marginals into safe seats. The party in the constituencies was perhaps only half as efficient as it was 20 years ago, and was wholly unattractive to the young. I heard of only one canvasser who called himself a Young Conservative.

At the other end of the scale was the loss of authority in the leadership, of which John Major has complained bitterly to his friends. In the last ten years, there have been three contested elections for the Conservative leadership, two against Margaret Thatcher, the second of which removed her, despite her three election victories; one was against John Major himself, who had felt the need to reassert his authority by resigning and challenging his opponents. The last two leaders have found themselves presiding over factions rather than leading a united party. The narrow electorate of the parliamentary party has not proved a solid base for leadership. If the next leader also depends on this narrow base, the first disagreements, the first parliamentary failures against Tony Blair, will be followed by renewed talk of yet another leadership contest. Only a broad electorate can give a broad mandate for leadership.

This week the 1922 Committee will be considering whether to broaden the electorate, and whether to postpone the election of the next leader, decisions that could determine whether the Tories are out of power for five, ten, or even 15 years. These decisions are not to be taken lightly. The MPs do not include anyone from Wales, Scotland, or most of the large cities of England. They are not representative. None of the six declared candidates commands the confidence of a majority either in the House of Commons or in the party in the constituencies.

Only one constitutional proposal would both revitalise the party in the country and give unquestioned authority to the new leader. That is to place the leadership election not in some limited franchise, even an extended one, but in the hands of all the members of all the constituencies. Every member of a constituency association registered by, say, September 30, should be entitled to vote for the next leader of the party. This proposal should be discussed in the first place between the outgoing leader, John Major, the 1922 Committee, and the National Union. When outline proposals have been agreed, there should be consultation with every constituency, and agents should be drafted in to complete and scrutinise every constituency's roll of membership. The approved proposal should be put before the party conference, and the election itself should be held either towards the end of this year or early in 1998. By that time, the missing candidates, Michael Portillo and Christopher Patten, might be available.

This would be good for the party in the constituencies: it would give them a reason to win recruits and a sense of democratic power. It would change the Tories from being organisationally élitist to being a members' party. The new leader would be *their* leader. Membership would rise, because many loyal Conservative voters would think it worth their while to become members of local parties. This would fit well into a campaign to win back seats in local government.

It would also be good for the leader. Nobody could become leader without having proven ability to appeal successfully to a mass electorate. The job of a party leader is to win elections in such a mass electorate; this would be a test of the ability to do so. The elected leader would have the authority of having been chosen by the whole body of active Conservatives. The new leader should then be freed from challenges inside the parliamentary party: there must be no more assassinations. Leadership elections should be held only when a leader retires or at the beginning of a new Parliament. There might need to be some provision for removal in case of gross incompetence or inability, as there is in the United States. The election should probably be by a multiple choice system, allowing voters to list their preferences.

Such a system should leave the right to nominate, but not to elect, in the hands of the parliamentary party. That hurdle should be quite high. Perhaps it should require nomination by not less than 10 per cent of Tory MPs. That would certainly reduce the present field of candidates, and would encourage concentration on the real choices.

What are the objections? There is the problem of the leadership in the eight months it might take to adopt the new constitution and actually hold the election. It is unlikely that John Major would be willing to continue. An acting leader could be chosen, perhaps Michael Heseltine if his health allows, or an experienced figure like John MacGregor if not.

There are only one or two lasting political decisions which are likely to be taken during this interim period. The Conservatives will oppose the Referendum (Scotland & Wales) Bill, and are likely to oppose further European integration. A new policy on Scotland and Wales is needed, but that will have to be hammered out over some period of time. The leadership election would itself stimulate policy debate inside the party.

The great merit of such a constitutional change would be democratisation; there is, after all, a dangerous mismatch between a top-down party and a democratic Britain. A similar mismatch may be developing in Tony Blair's Labour Party, but that is another matter. It may be necessary for the Conservatives to move in this direction even if the old-fashioned electoral procedure is followed. How can any of the six candidates win the authority that a leader needs without a national election, against genuine opposition?

After the 1997 defeat, the Conservatives must recognise the extent of the failure, in the constituencies, in the voluntary organisation, in Central Office, in Parliament, in the Government, in the leadership. That failure requires a root-and-branch reform of the party. It should start in the constituencies, which can be revitalised only if they are given the power that belongs to them. It must unite the constituencies with the leadership. Tory democracy must be more than a fine phrase; only a directly elected leader will have democratic authority.

We need Taylor-made reform

Labour should strengthen the restraining powers of the Commons, says **Peter Riddell**

Whenever anyone talks about modernisation of the House of Commons, I am wary. Further reform is desirable, indeed overdue, but will change really strengthen the legislature, or just make life easier for the executive? That tension is already apparent in the new Government with its vast majority and fragmented opposition. The outcome will determine whether we have exchanged one era of "elective dictatorship" for another.

The omens so far are mixed. On the one side, Peter Mandelson, a democratic centralist by instinct and experience, argues that "Labour MPs have been elected in order to carry out our manifesto", and have a responsibility "not to impede or present barriers" to its implementation. The command style of opposition lives on — understandably in some ways, given the fractiousness of Labour MPs when previously in government. On the other side, Ann Taylor, Leader of the Commons, will this week launch a review of the workings of the House, including ideas about the scrutiny of legislation and "strengthening the ability of MPs to make the Government answerable for its actions". However, her first contribution as Leader was unilaterally to announce the replacement of the twice-weekly 15-minute sessions of Prime Ministers' Questions with one 30-minute session, starting this Wednesday. The Tories have complained about a lack of consultation, though I have sympathy with Roy Jenkins, who says that if reform was to be undertaken, it had to be before the session started and one side was up and the other down. Such excuses have prevented reform before.

Conflicts between executive and legislative priorities have limited parliamentary reform over the years. Thirty years ago, Richard Crossman's attempt largely failed through lack of support from other ministers. The major innovation since then, the introduction of departmental select committees in 1979, was a rare exception, being bounced through in the immediate aftermath of the Tory victory.

Mrs Taylor's reform proposals are not entirely novel. Many build on changes introduced over the past five years by Tony Newton. Late night sittings have already virtually disappeared, and MPs are able to plan ahead and spend more times in their constituencies. Mrs Taylor has hinted at a more even spread of sittings during the year, perhaps returning in September and then having occasional weeks off during sessions. One unremarked result of the big rise in the number of women MPs is the high proportion with young children, so the parliamentary year may be linked more to the school year.

RIDDELL ON [illegible]

Mr Newton also introduced more consultation about draft Bills, to avoid the mistakes and hasty rewriting seen in the past. Mrs Taylor rightly wants to take this further, both by allowing more time for consultation before Bills are published, as on freedom of information and pension-splitting, and by improving the way Bills are scrutinised when going through Parliament.

For these changes to work, the executive has to give up some of its power to determine the shape of legislation. Of course, a government with a majority is entitled to get its way on the thrust of its programme, and there will always be bitter disagreements over some measures. But even in these cases there is always scope for improvements. The Government has to be willing to accept suggestions from select committees or amendments to Bills without losing face. Mrs Taylor says she wants "a less confrontational and more productive process": that means that the whips have to be less stringent. But if the legislature is to regain its proper role, not of governing (which is for the executive), but of holding ministers to account, further changes are necessary. Parliament has to recognise, rather that just complain about, the emergence of alternative centres of power — whether the European institutions, the judiciary, utility regulators or, now, the Bank of England. The monitoring of all of them is haphazard. An elaborate structure exists for scrutinising European legislation, but the exercise needs to be made part of the political mainstream. Select committees are currently free to pick their own topics for inquiry. Instead, they should have a duty to report on the activities of bodies within their remit, such as regulators. Such an obligation is explicit in Gordon Brown's proposals for ensuring full accountability of the Bank of England via reports to and questioning by the Treasury committee.

That also implies a change in attitudes and ambitions within the Commons, not least to improve the quality of MPs serving on these committees. At present, almost all MPs want to be on the front bench. But an alternative career structure should be created, both by reducing the number of ministers and by enhancing the standing of select committees. Last summer, the Senior Salaries Review Body said paying committee chairmen should be considered, though Mrs Taylor is cool about this.

These changes are far more important than the "sleaze" rows that dominated the last Parliament. Reforms are desirable here also. The Standards and Privileges Committee could be made less political and more judicial, possibly if the Leader of the House was no longer the chairman. Some actions, such as financial impropriety, could also be brought within the scope of the criminal law, which already applies to election offences (at stake in the allegations against Mohammed Sarwar).

But what really matters now is the creation of a check on the executive. The Lords does not have the authority to be more than a temporary hurdle (requiring the Commons to look again, as Lord Cranborne suggested yesterday). The Opposition is fragmented and the Tories' trauma is likely to last for some time. So a real test of the Government's commitment to reform will be whether it is willing to create a counterbalance to its own power. Mrs Taylor has some good ideas, but does the Government have the will?

THE TIMES DIARY

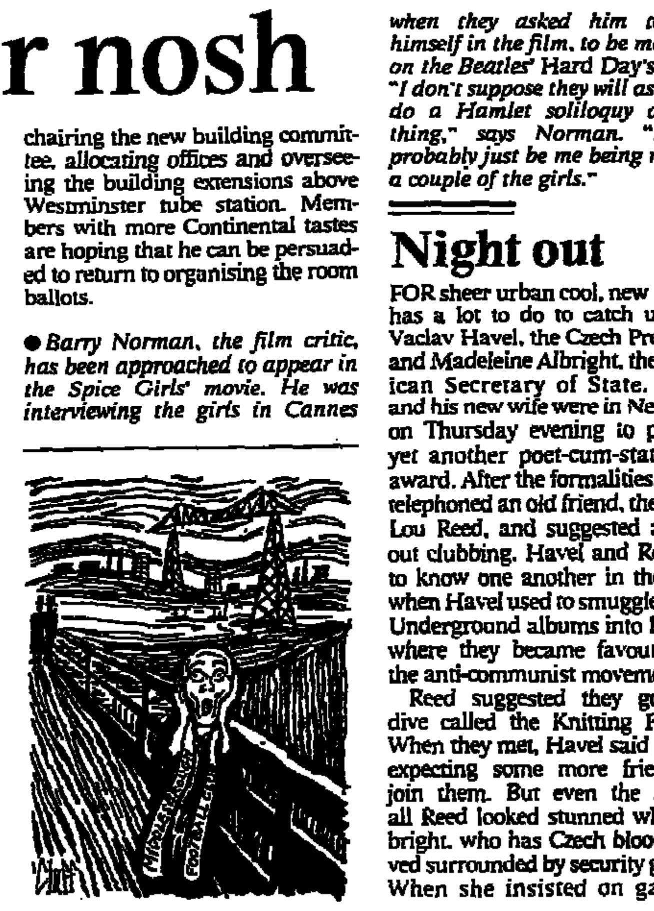
Proper nosh

HOUSE OF COMMONS food looks set to be the first battleground since the election for the war between new and old Labour. At the State Opening of Parliament, an impenetrably foreign menu was served up in the Strangers' dining room, full of polentas, mignonettes and untranslatable French sauces. For Sir Raymond Powell, 68, Labour MP for Ogmore in South Wales, it was too much. He is planning to run for the position of chairman of the catering committee. His manifesto: out with the bordelaise bonemarrow, in with the faggots and peas.

"I shouldn't need a degree in French to be able to order my dinner," says Powell, a Welshman whose mother was a hotel cook. "I would like to see a sensible menu of cowl, faggots, peas and a choice of real bread-and-butter pudding or jam roly-poly." In Powell's world, Eccles cakes would be served for tea in the canteen.

Powell has a unique conception of where power lies in the Commons. While others scrambled for ministerial office, his other big jobs have included being on the Commons services committee and chairing the new building committee, allocating offices and overseeing the building extensions above Westminster tube station. Members with more Continental tastes are hoping that he can be persuaded to return to organising the room ballots.

● *Barry Norman, the film critic, has been approached to appear in the Spice Girls' movie. He was interviewing the girls in Cannes when they asked him to play himself in the film, to be modelled on the Beatles'* Hard Day's Night. *"I don't suppose they will ask me to do a Hamlet soliloquy or anything," says Norman. "It will probably just be me being me with a couple of the girls."*



Night out

FOR sheer urban cool, new Labour has a lot to do to catch up with Vaclav Havel, the Czech President, and Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State. Havel and his new wife were in New York on Thursday evening to pick up yet another poet-cum-statesman award. After the formalities, Havel telephoned an old friend, the singer Lou Reed, and suggested a night out clubbing. Havel and Reed got to know one another in the 1970s when Havel used to smuggle Velvet Underground albums into Prague, where they became favourites of the anti-communist movement.

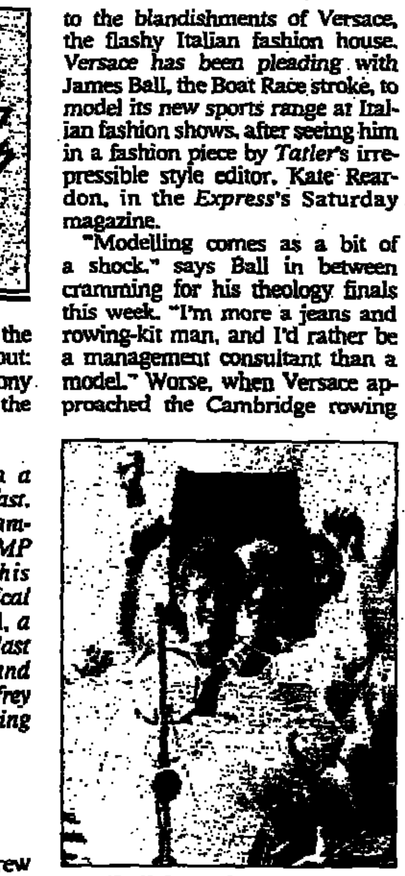
Reed suggested they go to a dive called the Knitting Factory. When they met, Havel said he was expecting some more friends to join them. But even the seen-it-all Reed looked stunned when Albright, who has Czech blood, arrived surrounded by security guards. When she insisted on gabbing through the show, however, the performer, John Zorn, called out: "Would everyone up in the balcony please be quiet and listen to the music?"

● *Hard though it may be on a stomach still digesting breakfast, there is more news from Neil Hamilton. The former Conservative MP for Tatton has hurried in his application for the job of political editor on* The Glasgow Herald, *a post left empty by the death last week of the widely admired, and still more widely lunched Geoffrey Parkhouse. Hamilton is not being given serious consideration.*

With verve

CAMBRIDGE'S Boat Race crew are proving impressively resistant to the blandishments of Versace, the flashy Italian fashion house. Versace has been pleading with James Ball, the Boat Race stroke, to model its new sports range at Italian fashion shows, after seeing him in a fashion piece by *Tatler*'s irrepressible style editor, Kate Reardon, in the *Express*'s Saturday magazine.

"Modelling comes as a bit of a shock," says Ball in between cramming for his theology finals this week. "I'm more a jeans and rowing-kit man, and I'd rather be a management consultant than a model." Worse, when Versace approached the Cambridge rowing manager to see if his eight could model a forthcoming Lycra range, he asked "What exactly is Versace?"



Ball: but who are you?

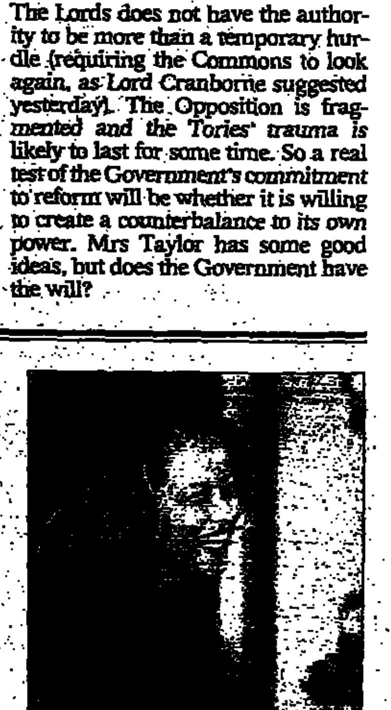
Promotion

HONG KONG'S handover celebrations will include re-creations of the Last Night of the Proms on each of the last three nights before the colony reverts to China, courtesy of Richard Branson. His company Virgin Atlantic will be flying out the mezzo-soprano Della Jones to perform with the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, with a remit to stiffen British spines with a light classical fare and such old belters as *Rule Britannia* and *Jerusalem*.

How seriously China takes Branson's stunt will become apparent when the Government replies to his airline's bid for a London-Shanghai route.

Runneth over

ONE MORE victim of Chelsea's success, to add to the thousands in the North East, is Estelle Skornik, the actress better known as Nicole, the Renault Clio girl. Today she will be appearing at the Chelsea Flower Show to promote the "Garden in Provence", a celebration of all things French. The shaven-headed Chelsea defender Frank Leboeuf was due to appear with her, but he has been whisked off to Hong Kong for a match against Chinese champions, South China FC, on Tuesday.



Flower of France: Estelle

Chelsea, however, have come up with a replacement. Miss Skornik will now be appearing alongside the FA Cup.

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THE BUDGET JUDGMENT

Gordon Brown should resist temptation on tax

Rarely has there been a "more gross breach of faith" with the people than the last Tory Government's decision to raise taxes just six months after the 1992 election. Labour, by contrast, would renew Britain's "faith in politics" by sticking to its pledges through thick and thin. So said Tony Blair in the preface to Labour's election manifesto. Now that Mr Blair is Prime Minister, the question is whether he will forget these fine pre-election phrases. Nothing Labour said in the election would preclude a major redistribution of taxes — for example from the poor to the rich or from workers to shareholders and pensioners. But before even considering such issues of distribution, the Chancellor must make what is called the "Budget judgment". He must decide whether to increase the total burden of tax.

Gordon Brown may present the Prime Minister with a tempting case for higher taxes. Politically, the first Budget of a new Parliament is the best time for unpopular measures. Not only is the pain likely to be forgotten by the next election, it can also be blamed on the "mess" allegedly left behind by the other side.

But even assuming that Mr Blair is sincere enough about the people's trust to eschew such political considerations, he will hear four plausible-sounding economic arguments for higher tax. First, the Treasury will probably claim (as it nearly always does) that the economy is overheating and needs to be slowed down to avert inflation. This is a counsel of despair. Without economic growth, the new Government's promises to reduce long-term unemployment will turn to ashes.

Secondly, Mr Blair may hear the argument that even if economic growth is not excessive it needs to be "rebalanced" away from consumption and in favour of exports. Such a manoeuvre can often be performed by raising taxes, while pushing down both interest rates and the pound. It would be, in principle, a valid justification for a fiscal tightening. But the logic is much less compelling now that the independent Bank of England is unlikely to offset higher taxes with lower interest rates. With the tax and monetary levers operated by different people, a fiscal tightening could simply push sterling even higher and aggravate the economic slowdown which the Bank wants to bring about by raising interest rates.

Thirdly, Mr Blair may be told that higher taxes are needed because the Treasury "books" bequeathed by the Tories are full of "black holes". This is simply untrue. Public borrowing is below Treasury forecasts and will continue to improve even without policy changes. Britain is the only major country in Europe whose finances already meet the Maastricht criteria without creative accounting. Of course, further tax increases could make Britain's public finances even stronger. But this hardly justifies an urgent retrenchment by a Government which has just promised not to raise taxes and to put the unemployed back to work.

This leaves the fourth, and most plausible, reason for Mr Brown to raise the burden of taxes: to give himself leeway for higher public spending in future years. Labour has promised to stick to the Tory spending plans only until March 1999. From then onwards, the Government will almost certainly want more revenue. By being tough now, Mr Brown could build up a war chest for a public spending binge in the run-up to the next election. But such political manipulation would carry costs. It would needlessly deflate the economy, hitting both employment and investment. It would make spending control more difficult as ministers saw the Treasury's coffers overflowing. Above all, it would damage Mr Blair's claims about his new covenant of honesty with the people.

SUSPEND SARWAR

Labour must be true to its stance on sleaze

The Conservatives' election campaign was torpedoed within days of its launch by sleaze. Now it is Labour's turn to have its fresh start tarnished by allegations of corruption. The impression may lodge in the public mind that there is nothing to choose in this matter between the parties and sleaze is a seamless robe. That would be wrong. The allegations made against Mohammed Sarwar, the MP for Glasgow Govan, are of a different order from those levelled against the Tory MPs accused of corruption, and cast light on a different problem. They do, however, call for similarly tough treatment.

Labour may understandably be tempted to give Mr Sarwar the benefit of the doubt for reasons as much ethnic as ethical. Even after a landslide for Labour, he is the only Muslim member of this Parliament. Muslim voters have been disappointed by the failure of the Labour Party to select others of their faith for safe, or even winnable seats. Their loyalty to Labour might be further strained if Mr Sarwar was perceived as the victim and not the villain in this affair.

Mr Sarwar's background may be the reason for leniency now, but it is also at the root of the allegations. As both a Muslim and Glaswegian politician, Mr Sarwar has had to wade through murky waters. Glasgow has been a Labour Party barony for far longer than 18 years and, as the Tories proved, too long a lease on power breeds arrogance and corruption. It can also mean that political competition takes place within parties, on organisational grounds, rather than between them on ideology.

The introduction of one member, one vote in candidate selection has made Labour more democratic but it has also given ambitious organisers a new outlet. In several seats across the UK dramatic increases in Labour Party membership among Asians have been recorded. Their memberships have often been bought by activists, not necessarily themselves from the Asian community, hoping to influence candidate selection.

The selection process in Govan which resulted in Mr Sarwar's election was particularly tortuous. Party in-fighting created resentment locally and Mr Sarwar saw a swing to the Scottish National Party in his seat. Although Mr Blair is insulated by a massive majority he would not welcome a by-election in Scotland which could give the nationalists a boost while devolution was being debated. He must, however, realise that what would be far more damaging would be the perception that he was soft on sleaze and soft on the causes of sleaze.

The allegations against Mr Sarwar are, primarily, for the police to investigate. Because the charges levelled against him concern election to office, not its abuse, any case to answer must in law be heard in the courts, not Parliament. That does not, however, absolve Labour of responsibility. Allegations of this gravity directed at others in public life would lead to a suspension until innocence was proved. Whatever Mr Sarwar's role in this matter, there are in any case strong grounds for Labour's NEC to investigate the affair and draw appropriate lessons about the candidate selection process. Labour does not suffer from sleaze on the scale the Tories did, but having made probity in public life a central campaign issue it has an obligation to take every step it can to allay the electorate's doubts.

VEGANS AND VOLVOS

Protesters can be posh too

As connoisseurs of disaster movies know, airports can be the backdrop for the strangest alliances. Almost as odd as the friendships struck trying to save one of Arthur Haley's jinxed Jumbos are the new relationships fostered in the shadow of Manchester Airport. As we report on page 5, a shared opposition to a second runway for Manchester has created a second political revolution in Tatton. The Tory ladies who deserted the blackhearted Neil Hamilton for the white-suited Martin Bell are now walking, gingerly, arm-in-arm, with the authentically earth-toned Swampy. The middle classes of Mobberley, who would have imagined Vegans were characters from *Star Trek* until they met the eco-warriors, are now cooking macrobiotic picnics. My enemy's enemy has always been my friend but the anti-airport alliance may presage something broader — the rediscovery of rebelliousness among Britain's bourgeoisie.

Middle class has become a metaphor for all that is boring in Britain, but the privet hedges hide the nation's real rebels. The twentysomething leaders of the anti-runway protest are, in many cases, the products of middle-class homes. Their parents may be fighting to control prosperous middle-age spread, but thirty years ago they let it all hang out. As they moved from hippy to yuppy to mummy they may have lost their energy but many will have kept their idealism. Seeing their little darlings pick up the ideas, and then do something about it, will have led many a Home Counties mother to rifle nostalgically through the record collection for the Joni Mitchell album.

Others, emboldened by their offspring's actions, have had a go at protesting themselves. Some of those campaigning against live animal exports at Brightlingsea harbour had accents as cut glass as any at Cowes. Previous protests against road developments at Twyford Down or Newbury saw the blue rinse brigade and the no rinse for days division standing together. It would be too much to suggest that the experience transformed the Berkshire WI into the military wing of Greenpeace but it did nudge some of the comfortable out of their complacency.

It helps that the causes today's protesters are championing chime with middle-class concerns. Greenery is more popular than Greenham Common could ever be. Cynics may, however, argue that the Cheshire ladies handing buns to the eco-warriors are really supporting Nimby, not Swampy. Certainly, some of the Mobberly middle classes will be more agitated by falling house prices than the fragile ecology. Others, however, will find, as anyone might, that once you get close to Swampy something rubs off. The all-encompassing fervour of the eco-warriors' vision is bound to have an impact on Cheshire ladies who have, hitherto, had more pressing concerns than the future of the planet to worry about. Permanent protesting can prove wearing but we all need, occasionally, to be reminded of the importance of being earnest.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cook's tour of our new horizons

From the Director of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sir, Your excellent leading article today, "Horizon tour", pointed out many of the dilemmas which will face Robin Cook and his team as they seek to bring a greater degree of ethics into our national foreign policy.

However, as in Robin Cook's "mission statement", so in your editorial: scarcely a reference to the role of the United Nations in so many areas of concern to our new Government. In our view, the United Nations is central in such areas as securing global environmental protection, real justice for the world's poor, internationally verifiable arms control and disarmament, the greater implementation of human rights standards and the promotion of preventive diplomacy as a major aspect of conflict avoidance.

Robin Cook has once again emphasised the key role which the United Kingdom wishes to play in the European Union. As the member states of the EU seek, however falteringly, to create a common foreign and security policy, they are involving themselves increasingly in United Nations initiatives — as is the Commonwealth, which Mr Cook also wishes to see strengthened.

We urge both the Foreign Secretary and *The Times* to promote the centrality of the United Nations in all the efforts made to enhance the many standards required for a more just and peaceful world.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM HARPER, Director,
United Nations Association of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
3 Whitehall Court, SW1.
May 13.

Ethics and realpolitik

From Mr Denis MacShane, MP for Rotherham (Labour)

Sir, Why does Simon Jenkins ("Missionary diplomacy", May 14) dump on the Government's view that the elimination of child labour is a worthy object of foreign policy?

The memory and spirit of Wilberforce and others who argued that British values as well as British interests should influence our foreign policy are coming back to life in the Foreign Office. Cynics may sneer that even a little idealism is a dangerous thing; but give me a Wilberforce who campaigned against the immediate economic interests of slave-traders or, more recently, a Churchill who called for a united Europe after 1945, in contrast to the *realpolitik* advocates, who appear to despise democracy, or the latter-day Little England isolationists who hate partnership in Europe.

Meshing human rights with diplomacy and with British business interests is complicated and often contradictory work, but at least our new Foreign Secretary is making a start.

Yours truly,
DENIS MacSHANE,
House of Commons.
May 14.

From Ms Geraldine O'Callaghan

Sir, Simon Jenkins is right to point out the current double standards of banning the possession of certain firearms in Britain whilst continuing to export them abroad. However, this discrepancy between domestic and foreign policy is a hangover from the Conservative Government, and all indications are that Labour plans to address these "moral ambiguities".

Concerns about the Conservative Government's policy of exporting weapons deemed unacceptable for civilians in Britain were repeatedly raised by the Labour Party front bench (both in the Commons and the Lords) during the recent debates on firearms legislation. The Conservative Government rejected Labour requests that weapons prohibited by the 1997 Firearms Act would not be exported abroad. It also rejected amendments proposed by Labour to ensure the destruction of such weapons which would have taken them permanently out of circulation.

The increasing availability of small arms is a key factor in the perpetuation of violence around the world — both in conflicts and in civil society. If, when drafting new firearms legislation, the Labour Government proposes to destroy prohibited weapons rather than export them, this consistent (and ethical) stance between domestic and foreign policy will surely be welcomed.

Yours faithfully,
GERALDINE O'CALLAGHAN
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May 14.

Good at games

From Ms Anne E. Abel Smith

Sir, If Libby Purves (article, "Boys need watching", May 13) wishes to witness the "channelling [of] vast physical energy into permissible physical skills", she need look no further than the playing fields of English preparatory schools.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE ABEL SMITH,
11 Meadow Road, SW19.
May 15.

An expanded role for British Legion

From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin

Sir, I share Mr Nick Evelegh's concern for the future of the Royal British Legion (letter, May 14) and welcome his initiative. I support his suggestion for the inclusion of those who now serve the community, but there is one group who remain unrecognised for their wartime service — the Bevin Boys.

Conscripted under the National Service Act they were the only people so mobilised who did not serve in the Armed Services. But despite the arduous and dangerous nature of their national service they received no demob suit, no pension and no medal — not, I suspect, that they wanted one. Churchill said of them:

> While some might say "I fought with the Eighth Army" and others that they served in HM Submarines, *they* could say, with equal pride and equal right, "I cut the coal".

A welcome gesture by the Royal British Legion would be to include representatives of the Bevin Boys in the march past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday following the service attended by Her Majesty, and to invite them to attend the Festival of Remembrance in the Albert Hall on the previous evening.

Yours sincerely,
LEWIN.
House of Lords.
May 14.

From the Earl Haig

Sir, Mr Evelegh is pointing in the right direction. The Royal British Legion is a force for good, but a reduction in its ranks is inevitable unless a proportion of non ex-service members are enrolled and a recruitment drive for younger ex-servicemen is carried out.

By the year 2005 the youngest men who saw active service in the 1939-45 war will be 80. By 2015 the last men who did National Service will reach the same age. So by 2015 the ex-service element in our population will be relatively small.

However, while there is a need, our pension and welfare work will continue for all ex-service people and for their dependants, irrespective of whether they are members of the Legion. But just as important is the spirit of caring which is fostered by branches within the communities.

The Legion is a democratic institution, membership qualifications are decided by vote. Whilst proposals to include scouts, guides and the police have failed in the past and may fail in the future, it should be noted that the Legion is divided between those who support a more open-door policy and those who want to maintain membership only of those who have served in the Armed Forces.

Looking ahead the writing is on the wall. I believe my father, who founded the Legion, would have wanted us to take such steps as are necessary now before the Legion numbers dwindle. He understood the need for numerical strength when dealing with government departments.

Yours truly,
HAIG
(Chairman, Royal British Legion,
Scotland, 1963-66; President, 1980-86),
House of Lords.
May 15.

From the Secretary General of the Royal British Legion

Sir, Nick Evelegh's letter raises some interesting ideas on the future membership of the Royal British Legion. He has put his views several times to the Legion over the past 12 months and has been assured that his suggestions are being seriously considered.

But in an organisation with some 700,000 members and associates, major decisions that would necessitate changes to our Royal Charter can only be taken after thorough research and on the basis of a two-thirds majority vote at our annual conference.

The Legion has much to do in support of the ex-service community in the coming years, so the future is as much on our minds as remembrance of past sacrifice. It is intended that the question of Legion membership in the future will be debated in open forum at our 1997 conference at the end of this month.

Yours faithfully,
IAN TOWNSEND,
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May 15.

A London authority

From Councillor Richard Buckley

Sir, I write as one of the very few Conservatives to have consistently argued that the Thatcher Government was right to abolish the Greater London Council (GLC), but wrong not to have replaced it with a genuinely strategic authority.

Whilst agreeing with much of Simon Jenkins's article ("A democratic titan unbound", May 10), we should avoid at all costs the idea that a London-wide authority or directly-elected mayor should follow the example of M Chirac in Paris and be concerned with such matters as sweeping the streets. London already has the 32 boroughs to deliver local services. That many of them could do so more effectively than at present is undoubtedly true, but that is another issue altogether.

London needs city-wide government because the major issues concerning the capital, such as investment in public transport, are currently decided by central government whose own priorities are all too often at variance with London's best interests. In addition, many of the ad hoc arrangements set up post-GLC to deal with lesser London-wide matters, such a parking, are not as effective as they should be.

A strategic authority for London should have three key functions: to be its champion: to regulate a very small number of London-wide services such as public transport, traffic, the Metropolitan Police and the emergency services; and to give Londoners the opportunity to feel that they belong to and own London as a whole.

The question is, would any government be brave enough to devolve power to a London-wide strategic authority in any meaningful way when the political leaders of that authority, be it a directly-elected mayor or an indirectly-elected leader, would be more powerful than all but a handful of the most senior Cabinet Ministers?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BUCKLEY,
Brent Council,
Room 209, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, Middlesex.
May 11.

Author's view

From Lady Antonia Fraser

Sir, New Labour, new ideas … so here is one for the millennium: a book windfall. Why not give an *ex-gratia* payment to every public library on condition that it is spent entirely on acquiring books (not on salaries or buildings)?

How wonderful to celebrate the glory of our free public libraries and at the same time replenish the rapidly diminishing stocks of books.

Yours sincerely,
ANTONIA FRASER,
52 Campden Hill Square, W8.
May 16.

Shaw copyright

From Mr Charles Simon

Sir, Your recent correspondence on the copyright of Bernard Shaw's plays (April 21, 24) reminds me that some 60 years ago, whilst discussing my productions of his plays with Shaw, I ventured an apology for the small royalties accruing to him through my efforts.

"I wrote them to be performed, my boy," Shaw replied. "That is what matters. Just get them on the stage."

In 1938 I was preparing a production of Shaw's *Back to Methuselah*. With the temerity of youth I proposed some small cuts and asked the author if I might send him a copy of my proposals. "Cut what you like," he answered, "but for heaven's sake don't show me: performance is the aim.".

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES SIMON,
16 The Mount,
Wembley Park, Middlesex.

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Strength of sterling

From Mr Robin S. Howard

Sir, It is both puzzling and somewhat irritating to find so many financial analysts commenting adversely on the "strong" or "overvalued" pound.

Since 1945 the pound has declined in value against all major currencies, and not only through official devaluations. Now, just because it has risen slightly from its all-time low, it seems ludicrous to describe it as overvalued.

As soon as the pound begins to fall we shall no doubt hear those manufacturers who are currently bemoaning its strength start to complain again about the rising cost of imported raw materials.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN S. HOWARD,
8 South Street,
Titchfield, Fareham, Hampshire.
May 9.

Organ master

From Mr Jeremy Nicholas

Sir, To describe the father of Iris Lemare (obituary, May 8) as "an organist" is a bit like calling Dr George Carey a member of the Church of England.

Miss Lemare's father, Edwin, was the greatest and most celebrated organist of his day, a composer and the perpetrator of some of the most ingenious and demanding transcriptions for the instrument that have been written.

Recently, his music, long out of fashion, has undergone a revival and has been much recorded; though it must be admitted that he wrote the dullest autobiography I have ever read, wondrously entitled *Organs I Have Met*.

Yours sincerely,
JEREMY NICHOLAS,
Barley Fen, Wethersfield, Essex.
May 8.

Women MPs are not what they wear

From Mrs Sheila Wright

Sir, Jane Shilling's article today, "Cherie, your country needs you", reinforces a long-held view of mine that one of the most important barriers to the progress of women in this country is other women.

For goodness sake — who cares what the newly elected female Labour MPs are wearing, so long as they are clean and covered up? MPs are elected for qualities which have nothing to do with their dress sense. In any event, the behaviour of so many male MPs in the past would suggest that the last thing they need is an influx of *Vogue*-styled women.

If there is one thing we have learnt from this new Government in the last ten days it is that it is going to do things its own way. I would bet that the last thing on the agenda of the newly elected female MPs is a "going over" with a style guru.

Yours,
SHEILA WRIGHT,
16 Waltham Walk,
Eye, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
May 14.

From Mrs Wendy Robinson

Sir, Jane Shilling attacks those women MPs who are wearing skirts "brutally terminating at midcalf or bang on the knee-cap". Her column is illustrated by a picture of three former French ministers who are held up to us as a shining example — one of them in a skirt stopping exactly where I had always assumed the knee-cap to be. Similarly your cover picture today shows Cherie Blair, Ms Shilling's one hope for the country, wearing a skirt stopping on — the knee-cap.

For the sake of those of us who aspire to the glamour advocated by Ms Shilling, would she please explain how many millimetres above the centre of the knee are needed to change dowdiness to chic?

Yours faithfully,
WENDY ROBINSON,
28 Old Grammar Lane,
Bungay, Suffolk.
May 15.

From Dr Lynne Jones, MP for Birmingham Selly Oak (Labour)

Sir, According to the Valentine card I received in February, I was the sexiest woman in Westminster. It may well be that the (anonymous) sender needed an eye test but I, for one, am delighted that the competition for the title is now so much steeper.

It is a pity that Jane Shilling could not share in celebrating the achievement of such a dramatic increase in the number of women MPs and instead had to resort to such jaundiced comments.

Yours faithfully,
LYNNE JONES,
House of Commons.
May 15.

From Mr Simon N. Foster

Sir, Thank you very much for Ms Shilling's illuminating thoughts on the connections between sexiness, intelligence and clothing. We look forward avidly, in these days of sexual equality, to an article on the same subject focused upon male MPs.

Yours faithfully,
S. N. FOSTER,
3 Laburnum Cottages,
Grove Road, Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire.
May 14.

Worlds without end

From Mr C. W. Stephens

Sir, John Horgan's book, *The End of Science* (Mind and Matter, May 5; letters, May 10), is surely based on a misconception. The gap between data and explanation has been narrowing for centuries, but this is not to say that the data we possess is any more than a tiny fraction of that yet to be observed.

It is inconceivable that future space telescopes, enhanced particle accelerators, planetary exploration and our first contact with extra-terrestrial life will reveal only more data of the type that we already possess. Far from science being left to put flesh on a well-established skeleton it may well be that it is yet looking at a fuzzy X-ray of an incorrectly assembled skeleton.

Newton's mechanistic universe must have seemed to complete man's knowlege of the physical world. It was new data that paved the way for relativity and quantum mechanics. No future prodigy should be deflected from a career in science by the naive assumption that the infinite universe has revealed most of its secrets.

Yours faithfully,
C. W. STEPHENS,
10 Vicarage Lane,
Cockermouth, Cumbria.

The right note

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir, No Holst, no Delius, no Walton in this year's Proms, complains Dr David Green (letter, May 17), and more than five times as much Sibelius as Vaughan Williams over the past 18 years. How delightful: quality triumphing over chauvinism. Good for the BBC's Controller of Music.

Yours in happy anticipation,
PATRICK HOWARTH,
Flat 2, Pencarrow,
The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset.
May 17.

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YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 17: The Duke of Kent, President, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Football Association's Challenge Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, Middlesex.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 18: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Music in Country Churches, this evening attended a concert in Wymondham Abbey and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk (Sir Timothy Colman KG).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 18: The Duke of York arrived in New York, United States of America, this evening.

Luncheons

HM Lord High Commissioner

Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Macfarlane, gave a luncheon on Saturday at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Irvine of Lairg, the Duke of Argyll, Sir Russell and Lady Hillhouse, Mr and Mrs Ian Bowie, Mr and Mrs Graham Garvie, the Very Rev John and Mrs McIndoe, Mr and Mrs William McKelvey, Mr and Mrs John Roberts, Miss Eileen Robertson and Mrs Christelle Steele.

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Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Chelsea Flower Show at 5.30.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, will launch Business in the Community's eastern region at Ford engineering centre, Dunton, Basildon, at 10.55; will open the Centre for Young People, Old Post Office, Furtherwick Road, Canvey Island, at noon; as patron, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will attend a luncheon in aid of their Essex appeal at Kelvedon Hall, Brentwood, at 1.15; and as President, Business in the Community, will visit the Quayside Maltings, Mistley, Manningtree, at 2.20.

Prince Edward will attend the final of the RTTC Masters Real Tennis Championship, at The Queen's Club, at 6.30.

The Princess Royal, patron, Guild of Agricultural Journalists' Congress Britain '97, will make the keynote speech at the conference, Shrigley Hall Hotel, Shrigley Park, near Macclesfield, at 10.15; will open the mental health unit at Macclesfield at 1.35; and will visit the Chelsea Flower Show at 5.25.

Princess Margaret will attend the Chelsea Flower Show at 5.20.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit St Mark's CE Primary School, Farnborough, to mark its centenary at 10.30; will open Hampshire Voluntary Housing Society's Stiles Drive development, Andover, at 11.40; and will open the new teaching facilities at Cricklade College, Andover, at 12.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Chelsea Flower Show at 5.15.

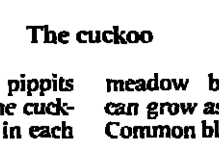
Princess Alexandra will visit the Chelsea Flower Show at 5.00.

Wolfson History Prizes 1996

Keith Thomas, FBA, Chairman of the Judges, and Trustees of the Wolfson Foundation hosted a reception held at Claridge's on Thursday for the presentation of the Wolfson History Prizes 1996. Awards went to Dr Orlando Figes for his book published in 1996, *A People's Tragedy: The Russian Revolution 1891-1924* (Jonathan Cape); and to Professor Eric J. Hobsbawm, FBA, for his distinguished contribution to the writing of history over a number of years.

Nature notes

Most of the swifts are now back, circling high: when it rains, they will fly long distances to sunny regions where there are still plenty of insects in the air. Swallows have begun nesting in barn rafters: they will swoop through a narrow entrance in the roof without faltering. Cuckoos are laying their eggs in the nests of their three favourite victims: hedge sparrows, meadow pippits and reed warblers. The cuckoos lay one large egg in each nest that they select, and when their chick hatches it throws out all the host bird's eggs or chicks. In the woods, there are flourishing patches of bugle, which has whorls of bright blue flowers around a spiky stem. The flowers have hoods to shelter the pollen and a lower lip for insects to alight. Another woodland flower of the same family is yellow archangel: it, too, has whorls of yellow flowers with spots of brown on the lip. Many fields are full of meadow buttercups, which can grow as tall as three feet. Common blue butterflies with sky-coloured wings are chasing each other over the opening red clover. DJM



The cuckoo

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

Retirements

Brigadier: K J W Goad — RAOC, 6.5.97

Colonel: G D MacDougall — RAOC, 11.5.97

Royal Air Force

Group Captain: S L Parkinson — MOD, 12.5.97.

Wing Commander: S J Orwell — HQPTC, 5.5.97; J B Bishopp — HQSTC, 6.5.97; N C Brewer — MOD, 6.5.97; W D Williams — BRIZE NORTON, 6.5.97; R A Waldegrave — HQLC BRAMPTON, 6.5.97; F Harbottle — BRACKNELL, 9.5.97; P C Ridge — HQSTC, 12.5.97; J A Young — RAF WITTERING, 13.5.97; A J Goody — RAF LEUCHARS, 19.5.97.

Buckinghamshire Cadet Battalion

The Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, accompanied by the Hon Lady Mobbs, was the principal guest at Sounding Retreat by the Buckinghamshire Cadet Battalion The Royal Green Jackets held on Saturday at the TA Centre, Aylesbury. The Retreat was performed by the Waterloo Band of 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets.

Service reunion

Gurkha Brigde Association

Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, presided at the annual reunion of the Gurkha Brigade Association held on Saturday at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Service dinners

Waggon Club

Major-General W. Bate, President of the Waggon Club, presided at the annual meeting and members' dinner night held on Saturday at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, headquarters of the Royal Logistic Corps TA. Major R.J. Oxborough, PMC, was the guest of the club.

No 72 Squadron

Air Marshal and Mrs J R Day were the principal guests at a dinner held on Saturday at RAF Aldergrove to mark the 80th anniversary of No 72 Squadron and the 40th anniversary of the first flight of a Westland Wessex Helicopter. Wing Commander Nigel Brewerton, Officer Commanding, presided.

Kent Wing ATTC

Brigadier John Holman, Secretary of the South East TAVRA, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Kent Wing Air Training Corps held on Saturday at Tonbridge School. Squadron Leader A.J. Simpson presided.

Latest wills

Lord Sherfield, Chancellor of Reading University 1970-92, British Ambassador to the United States 1953-56, Chairman, Hill Samuel Group 1966-70, of London SW7, left estate valued at £16,011,023 net.
He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Nancy **Shields**, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, left estate of £7,726,205 net.
She left £20,000 to the National Trust; £4,000 to the Royal Star and Garter Home; £3,000 to the Cancer Research Campaign and to the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables.

Sir Peter **Tennant**, Director-General, British National Export Council 1965-71, director, Prudential Assurance Company 1973-81, Prudential Corporation 1979-86, of Haslemere, Surrey, left estate valued at £686,929 net.

DONALD STEWART

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother arriving at Crathie Parish Church, near the Queen's estate at Balmoral, for divine service yesterday morning

Birthdays today

Professor John Ball, FRS, mathematician, 49; Miss Candice Bergen, actress, 51; Lord Bowness, 54; Mr Esmond Bulmer, chairman, H.P. Bulmer Holdings, 62; Dr Edward de Bono, lateral thinker, 64; Mrs Justice Ebsworth, 60; Mr James Fox, actor, 58; Baroness Hylton-Foster, 89; Mr David Jacobs, broadcaster, 71; Mr Justice Judge, 56; Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, 69; Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, broadcaster and former MP, 55; Mr Roger Laughton, director, United Broadcasting and Entertainments, 55; Mr John Lyons, trade unionist, 71; Mr Michael McGowan, MEP, 57; Mr Noel Mander, organ builder, 85; Sir Edward Parkes, former Vice-Chancellor, Leeds University, 71; the Earl of Pembroke, 58; Dr Max Perutz, OM, CH, FRS, molecular biologist, 83; the Earl of Powis, 45; Sir Michael Scott, diplomat, 74; Professor Gordon Stone, chemist, 72; Mr Pete Townshend, guitarist and singer, 52; Mr Stephen Varcoe, baritone, 48; Mr Sandy Wilson, composer, 73; Miss Victoria Wood, writer and comedian, 44.

Dinners

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HM Lord High Commissioner

Lord Macfarlane of Beardsen, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Macfarlane gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

Sir William Fraser and Lady Marion Fraser, LT, Sir Robin and Lady Duthie, Sir Douglas and Lady Hardie, Lady Cowan, Lady Gibson, Dr and Mrs Gordon Baxter, Mr and Mrs Robert Begg, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, and the Hon Mrs Dalyell, Mr and Mrs Glen Gordon, Mr and Mrs John Pitt, the Rev Ian and Mrs Scott, Mr and Mrs Michael Walker and Mr and Mrs Ian Watt.

Age Exchange Theatre Trust

The Age Exchange Theatre Trust held a dinner on Saturday at the Blackheath Concert Halls. Mr Alex Kalache of the World Health Organisation, Ms Glenda Jackson, MP, and Sir Sigmund Sternberg were the speakers.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: Lady Astor, first woman to take her seat as an MP, Danville, Virginia, 1879; Ho Chi-Minh, President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam 1954-69, Kim-lien, Vietnam, 1890; Sir Michael Balcon, film producer, Birmingham, 1896; Malcolm Little (Malcolm X), American Muslim leader, Omaha, Nebraska, 1925; Charles Mark Boxer (Marc), cartoonist, 1931.

DEATHS: St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury 961-88, Canterbury, 988; Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII, executed, London, 1536; James Boswell, biographer of Samuel Johnson, London, 1795; William Ewart Gladstone, Prime Minister 1868-74, 1880-85, 1886 and 1892-94, Hawarden, Clwyd, 1898; T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), Clouds Hill, Dorset, 1935; Charles Ives, composer, New York, 1954; Coleman Hawkins, jazz musician, New York, 1969; Ogden Nash, humorist and writer, Baltimore, 1971; Sir John Betjeman, Poet Laureate 1972-84, Trebetherick, Cornwall, 1984.

Napoleon instituted the Légion d'honneur, 1802.

The Tonga Islands were annexed by Britain, 1900.

Marriages

**Mr G.W. Franks
and Miss W.A. Balfour**

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel, of Mr George William Franks, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Franks, of Beckett's Grove, Matfield, Kent, to Miss Willa Balfour, eldest daughter of Mr Roderick and Lady Tessa Balfour, of Burpham Lodge, Arundel.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Theo Scaramanga, Lady Rachel Fitzalan Howard, Arthur Fitzalan Howard, Lydia Fitzalan Howard, Florence Fitzalan Howard, Candida Balfour, Eleanor Balfour, Jemima Ryecart, Pandora Sykes, Phoebe Cobb and Eliza Franks. Mr Harry Fleming was best man.

**Mr A.L. Brockbank
and Miss C.S. Walford**

The marriage took place on Saturday in St Patrick's Cathedral, Trim, of Mr Anthony Brockbank, son of Major-General and Mrs Robin Brockbank, of Steeple Langford, Salisbury, to Miss Caroline Walford, daughter of Captain and the Hon Mrs Simon Walford, of Summerstown, Trim.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Johnny Brockbank, Harry Brockbank, Hamish Macaulay, Kate Harrington, Sophie Brockbank and Arabella Pollock. The Hon Hugh Morrison was best man.

**Mr R. Baker Wilbraham
and Miss A. Glossop**

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Odiham, Hampshire, of Mr Randle Baker Wilbraham, only son of Sir Richard and Lady Baker Wilbraham, of Cheshire, to Miss Amanda Glossop, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Glossop, of Hampshire.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Iona Gordon-Lennox, Lucy Scovell, Christopher Arkwright, Milo Astaire, Fred Keeling and Max Morgan. Mr Rupert Bevan and Mr Charles Bradstock were best men.

**Mr A.J. Cottrell
and Miss J.R. Woodall**

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 10, at St Helen's Church, Abingdon-on-Thames, of Mr Anthony James Cottrell and Miss Julia Rosalind Woodall.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Jayne Moffat. Mr Michael Cottrell was best man.

**Mr N.R. Dawbarn
and Dr V.M.M. Blackburn**

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 17, 1997, at All Saints Church, Shortwood, Gloucestershire, of Mr Nigel Dawbarn, of Cirencester, to Dr Victoria Blackburn, of London NW5. The Rev Patrick Phelan officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sebastean Parsons. Mr Ched Hill was best man.

A reception was held at Chavenage House, Tetbury, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**Mr C. Mowen
and Miss B.J.J. Hargreaves**

The marriage took place on May 17, 1997, at Ide Hill Church, Kent, between Mr Christopher Mowen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. Mowen, of Stratford-on-Avon, and Miss Beth J.J. Hargreaves, youngest daughter of Mrs R.C. Hargreaves and the late H.G. Hargreaves, of Toys Hill, Kent.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr P. Archard
and Miss C.N. Baring**

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr Jeremy Archard, of Chiswick and Mrs Grenville Griffiths, of Burwash, Sussex, and Constance Nina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Baring, of Hawkchurch, Devonshire.

**Mr T.B. Daniell
and Miss P.A. Hawkins**

The engagement is announced between Timothy Bampfylde, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Daniell, of Mugswell, Surrey, and Paula Anne, daughter of Mrs Nancy Hawkins and the late Mr Ken Hawkins, of Dollis Hill, London.

**Dr N.D. Jackson
and Dr L.S. Shekerdemian**

The engagement is announced between Neil, elder son of Mr Stuart Jackson, of Gatley, Cheshire, and Mrs Vivien Jackson, of Sale, Cheshire, and Lara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hrant Shekerdemian, of Ealing, London.

**Mr N.T. Meharg
and Miss D.J. Byrne**

The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs Clements Meharg, of Groomsport, County Down, and Danielle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Byrne, of Waltham on the Wolds, Leicestershire.

**Mr T. Morgan
and Miss C.R. Morriss**

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Dr and Mrs David Morgan, of Wimborne, Dorset, and Camilla Rose, daughter of Mr John Morriss, of Surrey, and of Mrs Margot Morriss, of Kent.

**Mr R.A.J. Prince
and Miss C. Yarwood**

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs John Prince, of East Molesey, Surrey, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr Mike Yarwood, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, and Mrs Sandy Malden-Browne, of Weybridge, Surrey.

**Mr T.C. Roberts
and Miss D.J. Poole**

The engagement is announced between Trevor Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs Alan Roberts, of Billericay, Essex, and Deborah Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Poole, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

Schools news

Tonbridge School

Academic Scholarships 1997

Scholarships have been awarded to the following (in order of merit): 1 Hugh Gunson (Hilden Grange); 2 Geoffrey Egerton (The New Beacon); 3 Daniel Caines (The New Beacon); 4 Jonathan Chapman (Vinehall); 5 Julien Hunt (Milbourne Lodge); 6 James Champness (Cumnor House, Danehill); 7 Peter Butler (Hilden Grange); 8 Christopher Skone James (The New Beacon); 9 Alexander Hodgson (Hilden Grange); 10 Alex Tsui (Holmewood House); 11 Ross Edmondson (The New Beacon); 12 James Begbie (Holmewood House); 13 Michael Inkson (St Michael's); 14 Henry Carver (Solefield); 15 Alistair Bird (Hilden Grange); 16 Jeremy Cronk (The New Beacon); 17 Mark Rodier (Downsend); 18 William Bryant (Hall Grove); 19 James Pogson (Dulwich College Preparatory School, Dulwich); 20 Benjamin Stradling (Holmewood House); 21 Anthony Sleeman (Holmewood House and Tonbridge School).

Technology Scholarship: Saul Treger (Claremont).

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I shall give men singleness of heart and put a new spirit in them; I shall remove the heart of stone from their bodies and give them a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 11 : 19

BIRTHS

BURNS - On 11th May at home in Shoreham, Kent, to Emma (née Campbell) and Stephen, a daughter, Vanessa Sophie Elizabeth, a sister for Elliot.

COULTHARD - On April 27th 1997 at Penrith Hospital, to Andrea (née Reynolds) and Jonathan, a son, William Tobias.

DAVIS- on May 15th 1997 to Tracy Hampson and partner Simon a special son Tyne Samuel Rory.

FARNDALE on 15th of May 1997 to Charlotte née Coutts and Richard a daughter Sarah Louise a sister for James.

PARKER - On 11th May, to Caroline (née Heelas) and Hugo, a daughter, Anna Madeleine.

PROCTOR - On May 10th 1997 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Christine (née Jones) and Tim, the gift of a son, Charles William Moultrie, a brother for Anna.

WALTERS on May 16th to Katherine née Crawley-Boevey and Nicholas, a daughter Rebecca Sophia, a sister for Charlotte.

DEATHS

BAILLIE - Tom on May 16th 1997 at Princess Alice Hospice, Esher. Beloved husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully after a long illness. Church Service at The United Reformed Church, New Malden, 2pm Thursday 22nd May. Cremation Putney Vale 3.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Motor Neurone Disease Association or Princess Alice Hospice.

CHEFFINS on 15th May 1997 at Court Royal Residential Home Tunbridge Wells, aged 86, Richard Alexander Joseph Cheffins, beloved husband of Meg (deceased) and father of Ricky and Perta, R.I.P. Requiem Mass on Friday 23rd May 1997 at 3 p.m. at St Dunstan's RC Church, London Road, Southborough followed by burial at Southborough cemetery. The body will be received into the Church on Thursday evening and there will be Mass at 7.30 p.m. on 22nd May. Flowers to J. Kempster and Sons Funeral Services 2-4 Albion Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2PE.

DEATHS

CURZON - On 13th May in hospital, Jane (the actress Jane Fergus), mother of Frederick and Emma. Funeral Service private. No flowers please. Enquiries to Arnold Funeral Service (01494) 472572.

GUNNIS - Gillian Elizabeth on Thursday 15th May 1997 at home. Beloved daughter of the late Nigel Gunnis and the late Elizabeth Cory Wright. Much loved sister, aunt and friend. Private family burial in Norfolk followed by the funeral service on Thursday 22nd May 1997 at St Giles Church, Codicote at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the cancer charity BACUP, 3 Bath Place, Rivington Street, London EC2A 3JR.

HASLAM - Joan Margaret, much loved daughter of Margaret and sister Diana, died peacefully on Wednesday 14th May at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford. Private cremation at Woking Crematorium on Friday 23rd May at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to RSPCA c/o H.C. Patrick & Co. tel: (01252) 714884.

HODGKINSON - Winifred Harriet peacefully on the 14th May aged 92. Funeral at The Church of St. Mary The Virgin St. Mary's Church Torquay at 2pm 23 May. All enquiries to Torbay and District Funeral Services 01803 315005.

LIM - Dr. K.H. Lim, BA, MB, MRCP, retired Consultant Physician Barnet General Hospital. Student of Jesus College, Cambridge, 1935 and St Bartholomon Hospital, passed away at Donnington House, Sutton Coldfield, May 10th 1997 aged 80 years. Sadly missed by his family.

MORTON - Dennis Bertram aged 57 died peacefully at home on May 12th 1997 with his beloved Barbara at his side. Dearly loved son of Mrs Muriel Peace Morton and the late Stanley Bertram Morton and brother of Barrie Vernon Morton and brother-in-law of Maggie Morton and Chris Freeman. Funeral Service at the United Reform Church, Saltaire, Bradford, on Friday 23rd May at 11.45am, followed by a private cremation. Will friends please meet at the church. Family flowers only please but if desired donations in lieu to the British Heart Foundation, 4-6 Bridge Street, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9AL.

SEELEY - John Stuart (Jack) MBE. On 15th May 1997 at home after a long illness. Beloved husband for 56 years of Hilda (née Wormald), much loved father of Nigel and Clare and father-in-law of Mary-Ann, proud grandfather of Alexander, Julian and Mark, and devoted brother. Cremation private, followed by service at Holy Trinity Church, Westcott, at 2.30 pm on Thursday 22nd May. No flowers by request, but if desired donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking RH4 2ES.

TATCHELL - Diana. Peacefully on May 11th in the dedicated care of The Royal Marsden. Devoted and much loved sister, aunt and great aunt. Private family funeral has taken place.

TRAILL - Gladys Stella (née Lace) aged 95. Peacefully after a stroke on 15th May 1997. Much loved mother of Barbara, Mavis and Anthony and a well loved grandmother. Cremation at Exeter Crematorium 3.15 pm on Friday 23rd May. No flowers.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

DUNKLEY - Renée. Abiding loving memory, Ken and Anthony.

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM COLE

William Cole, LVO, Master of the Music at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, 1954-94, died on May 9 aged 87. He was born on October 9, 1909.

If musicians have a reputation for longevity, it is because of veteran practitioners such as William Cole, who at the age of 85 was still playing the organ with youthful zest and directing the choir at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. He had served there as Master of the Music for 40 years.

During his life he made a notable contribution to the music profession in many spheres: as a respected educator, conductor, organist, examiner, author and valued member of numerous committees.

He received his musical training at St Olave's Grammar School and at the Royal Academy of Music. It was to the latter that he returned, after war service in the Air Ministry, to teach harmony and composition and to give music history lectures for 17 years. Concurrently he lectured at the Royal Academy of Dancing.

It is, however, as a choral conductor that Cole will be chiefly remembered. From 1947 to 1963 he was conductor of the People's Palace Choral Society, and in 1954 he faced the formidable task of succeeding Ralph Vaughan Williams, the greatly-loved founder, and for 48 years the conductor, of the Leith Hill Musical Festival.

That challenge was made less daunting by reason of Cole's long association with Dorking; he had been organist of the parish church of St Martin and director of music at Dorking County School in 1930, and subsequently went on to conduct the choirs of Holmwood, Epsom and Dorking at the festival.

William Cole with choristers of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy

Moreover, he was the natural successor to Vaughan Williams, having served as his assistant conductor for seven years and enjoyed his close friendship. On handing over to "Bill" Cole, Vaughan Williams wrote: "He is in complete touch with the tradition that has grown up in the last fifty years, but his influence will be no 'dead hand' upon its future development: our festival will grow into something greater than we now know."

This prophecy was fulfilled. During the next 23 years Cole conducted 80 choral works by 35 composers, in addition to more than 400 motets, madrigals and part-songs.

For 12 years William Cole was the secretary of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. He supervised the conduct of its examinations, both at home and overseas, and oversaw the publication of its scholarly performing editions.

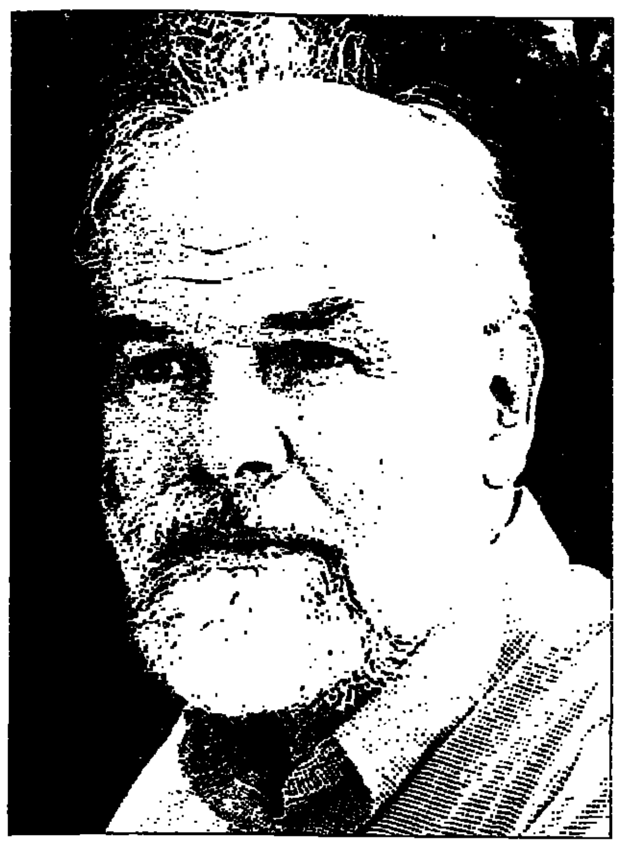
His broad knowledge of the musical profession, coupled with his sagacity and business acumen, enabled him to give valuable service to several cultural bodies. For many years he served as the president of the Surrey County Music Association and of the London Association of Organists; as a member of the governing committee of the Royal Choral Society; and as honorary secretary of the Royal Philharmonic Society.

Up until his death he was still an active member of the council of the Royal College of Organists, of which he had served as president and treasurer, and of the Musicians Benevolent Fund, of which he had long been a member of the executive committee. His service as Master of the Music of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, in the Strand, brought him appointment as LVO in 1988.

Bill Cole's great interest outside music was stained glass. It was a subject on which he wrote with authority in several learned journals, having built up a valuable private collection. His last published work was *A catalogue of Netherlandish and North European roundels in Britain* (1993), which is regarded as being the standard work on the subject. Previous books had been: *Rudiments of Music* (1951), a chapter in *The Ballet in Britain* (1962) on the development of British ballet music and *The Form of Music* (1969).

Cole was an enthusiastic member of the Garrick Club, and served on a number of its key committees. He is survived by the three daughters of his first marriage to Elizabeth Caw, who died in 1942, and by the son born to his second wife Winifred, who died in 1991. He took especial delight in the knowledge that his grandson was in the music profession, serving as an assistant organist at Westminster Cathedral.

PETER WINCH



Peter Winch, philosopher, died on April 27 aged 71. He was born on January 14, 1926.

PETER WINCH was a distinguished and influential philosopher who, with his very first book, *The Idea of a Social Science* (1958), produced one of the classic works of postwar philosophy. An important interpreter of Wittgenstein, of whose unpublished papers he became a trustee, he was a wide-ranging and incisive critical thinker, who made notable contributions to many areas of contemporary thought. Whether his subject was ethics or anthropology, he combined philosophical acumen with impressive intellectual honesty, high seriousness with vividness and wit.

Peter Guy Winch was educated at Leyton County High School. From 1944 to 1947 he served in the Royal Navy. He was a student at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, and graduated in Philosophy, Politics and Economics in 1949. He stayed on at Oxford to obtain a BPhil in 1951.

Winch's teaching career began at the University College of Swansea, where he taught from 1951 to 1964, becoming a Senior Lecturer. Among his colleagues were J. R. Jones, Ilham Dilman and R. F. Holland, the latter becoming a close friend. He held a Readership at Birkbeck College from 1964 to 1976, when he was appointed to the Chair of Philosophy at King's College, London.

At King's he established close relationships with Raimond Gaita and Norman Malcolm, whose seminars as Visiting Professor he prized greatly and whose moral authority he prized even more. In 1984 he was appointed Professor of Philosophy in the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign where, in 1995, he co-hosted a conference on Wittgenstein in America.

Winch was a major interpreter of Wittgenstein's work. Wittgenstein's influence on him began at Swansea through Rush Rhees, to whom he became extremely close, intellectually and personally. It was Rhees, he said, who showed him where the fundamental questions of philosophy were to be found.

Later he succeeded Rhees as one of the trustees of Wittgenstein's unpublished papers. With D. Z. Phillips, who had been one of his first students at Swansea, he edited *Wittgenstein: Attention to Particulars*, a festschrift in Rhees's honour.

It was at Swansea that he wrote his first book, *The Idea of a Social Science* (1958), which has been translated into a dozen languages and become a classic of 20th-century philosophy. Winch argued against the view that, in order to understand social life, the social sciences should adopt the methods of the natural sciences. He emphasised the importance of paying attention to the place concepts occupy in the ways of living to which they belong. In his influential paper *Understanding a Primitive Society* he showed how the same emphasis avoids a condescending misunderstanding of cultures other than our own.

In his collections of essays *Ethics and Action* (1975) and *Trying to Make Sense* (1987; German ed. 1992) Winch reveals the deep malaise of generalisation in moral philosophy and elsewhere. He inherited from Wittgenstein and Rhees a sense of the wonderfulness of our ordinary surroundings and the need to rescue them from metaphysical distortion. For the most part, his challenges went unanswered, but they constitute a far-reaching critique of prevailing trends in contemporary philosophy.

Winch lectured widely in Europe as well as in America. His book *The Just Balance* (1989) discusses the work of the remarkable French thinker, Simone Weil. He showed parallels between philosophical traditions thought to be far apart.

Winch edited many collections and contributed to many books and journals. From 1965 to 1971 he was the editor of *Analysis*. He was also a fine translator and recently completed his revised edition of Wittgenstein's *Culture and Value*.

His distinction had been recognised on both sides of the Atlantic. He was president of the Aristotelian Society, 1980-81, and of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, 1995-96. He was a Fellow of King's College, London, where he was Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and of the Unversity of Wales, Swansea. He was Visiting Research Fellow at the Academy of Finland and Abo Akademi in 1993, where his close friend, Lars Hertzberg, is Professor of Philosophy.

Dedication to discussion was characteristic of Peter Winch as a writer and teacher: a discussion in which his acumen and honesty endeared him greatly to his students and colleagues. Music meant a great deal in his life, and this was deepened through his relationship with his close friend Helen Guyer. In 1989 Raimond Gaita edited a festschrift in his honour, *Values and Understanding*. Recently, he had been working on Lessing's discussion of the Resurrection and a book on Authority.

Peter Winch is survived by his wife Erika and two sons, one of whom is also a philosopher.

BRIGADIER JOHN BAGNALL

Brigadier John Bagnall, OBE, MC, died on April 17 aged 76. He was born on August 29, 1920.

A SHREWD intellect and an engaging sense of fun were just two of many qualities that won John Bagnall the admiration of a huge circle of friends from every age group. His gift of leadership and his enthusiasm inspired generations of young people throughout a long and distinguished career.

It began in February 1940 when John Gordon Bagnall was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery at a time when the "Shop", the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, had been evacuated to Larkhill; such was his exceptional ability that he was retained as an instructor. He next joined the 12th (Honourable Artillery Company) Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in 6th Armoured Division, and shortly afterwards was continuously in action for the six months it took to complete the North African campaign.

The regiment was out of the battle line until the battle for Sicily had been won, and during that time it was mechanised with self-propelled guns. The 6th Armoured Division then moved to Italy, and the regiment fought in many strongly contested battles, where Bagnall distinguished himself by his coolness under fire and the example and encouragement he gave to his men.

After the assault on the Gustav Line, he was awarded the Military Cross. The citation reads: "On May 15, 1944, while supporting A Squadron 17/21st Lancers, two of their Troops ran into trouble from concealed anti-tank guns and four tanks were knocked out. Captain Bagnall's tank was immobilised by a shell. Although close to the enemy and under mortar and shell fire in his tank for the five hours of remaining daylight, he continued directing the fire of his guns. After dark, his tank was recovered. It returned the next day and destroyed another anti-tank gun."

When the war ended in 1945, the regiment moved to Austria, where it returned to its earliest wartime tasks of guarding vulnerable points, in addition to sorting out the unfortunate displaced persons of every central European nationality — the flotsam and jetsam of war. There were also 3,600 horses, belonging to Cossacks who had fought on the German side to be taken over. Bagnall was nominated as their horse officer.

Alongside many other young men with battle experience, Bagnall then joined the first postwar long Gunnery Staff Course and he became an instructor, first to the Air Observation pilots and then at the School of Artillery in Munsterlager, Germany; his tour in that country continued with a happy return to regimental duty in 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery — an experienced unit, full of battle-hardened officers and NCOs and well-trained National Servicemen.

Bagnall's obvious qualities next brought him to be a company instructor at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, where he was to continue later as a college commander. He was specially selected for the Indian Staff College at Wellington, as they wanted an officer who would become Master of the Hounds to their Ooty Hunt, and he remained in India as assistant military attaché to the British High Commissioner.

Further spells of staff and regimental duty led him on to an élite appointment which he considered the peak of his career — the command of 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery.

After one more staff posting he finished his career with five command appointments, one of them with Headquarters Training Brigade at Woolwich. With great tact, he unobtrusively absorbed a lively young regiment from Oswestry into a garrison made up of the old and the bold.

Bagnall continued to help others in his retirement. A keen and expert sailor, he navigated the service boat *GB II* in the London to Sydney leg of the *Financial Times* Clipper Race and, when he was asked to take over as the honorary organiser of the London Sailing Project, he became a sort of Pied Piper bringing out the best in young people from widely differing backgrounds, some of them very underprivileged. A countryman through and through, he was a most knowledgeable ornithologist. He was also a tower of strength at local events in Dorset, helping the Riding for the Disabled branch, the Pony Club and the Royal British Legion.

He is survived by his wife Sheila, whom he married in 1947, and by three daughters.

NARCISO YEPES

Narciso Yepes, guitarist and composer, died on May 3, aged 69. He was born on November 14 1927.

DESPITE the fact that he became the leading guitarist of his generation with a reputation second only to that of his fellow Spaniard Andrés Segovia, Yepes' espousal of the ten-string guitar, which he designed, made him something of a Don Quixote figure to professionals of a later generation.

This is not to deny, however, his achievements as a virtuoso. His interest in the early baroque brought composers such as the Frenchman Adrien Le Roy and the Germans Gaspar Sanz and Sylvius Weiss into the mainstream guitar repertoire. His use, unique among guitarists, of the fourth finger of the left hand, greatly facilitated the rapid scale passages characteristic of such music.

Early in the 1960s Yepes began to feel that the traditional six strings limited his approach. He had the Spanish luthier José Ramirez make him an instrument with four extra bass strings which vibrated in sympathy, like the lowest strings of the lute, with those being plucked. This instrument, he claimed, enabled him to arrange the piano music of Manuel de Falla and Isaac Albéniz.

He was successful in persuading a number of composers to produce works for him, among them Maurice Ohana, Joaquin Rodrigo and the dodecaphonist Bruno Maderna who wrote *Y despues*, inspired by a poem of Lorca. Julian Bream played one such instrument in the early part of his career before abandoning it, feeling, as did many others, that limiting the number of strings enhances the instrument's expressiveness. Segovia, disliking the instrument's richer, heavier sound was more outspoken. "The only thing that this 10-string monstrosity accomplishes is to transform the guitar from a voluptuous *femme* into a matronly *hausfrau*."

Narciso García Yepes was born in Lorca, in southwest Spain, into a poor rural family. His father gave him his first guitar at the age of four, and he took to it immediately. Two years later he began to study seriously, travelling by mule every day to a music school in the nearby town of Murcia. At 13 he went to the Conservatoire of Music in Valencia with Rafael Balaguer. Having laid the foundation of a secure technique he preferred thereafter to study with non-guitarists, most notably the pianist and composer Vincente Asencio. This unorthodox approach to interpretation lent subtle piano-like qualities to the work of Yepes.

In 1946 Ataulfo Argenta, the conductor of the National Orchestra of Spain, invited him to Madrid, and the following year he made his debut as soloist with them playing Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*, a cornerstone of the guitar repertoire. Four years' later they recorded it. It was to be the first of many recordings which Yepes would make. The composer's daughter said recently that his version, "light and agile like a butterfly", came close in spirit to what her father intended when he wrote the piece.

Yepes' Paris debut in 1951 was widely acclaimed, but it was not until the following year, as the composer and performer of the music to René Clément's film *Jeux Interdits* that he reached a wider audience. More film music followed, notably for *La fille aux yeux d'or* in 1961.

He became known to British audiences after his Wigmore Hall debut in February 1961, and a long association with Deutsche Grammophon allowed him to make recordings that ranged widely through the guitar repertoire.

His recordings of his own arrangements of Telemann and Scarlatti display the cool clarity which was one of his hallmarks. Nor did he confine himself to the solo repertoire. During the 1970s and 1980s, he performed widely with his fellow Spaniard, the mezzo-soprano Teresa Berganza.

Narciso Yepes is survived by his Polish wife Marysia and by their son and their daughter.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Michael Hunter, Resident Minister, Penn Fields, district Church of St Joseph of Arimathea,: to be also Rural Dean of Trysull (Lichfield).

The Rev Andrew James, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Drybrook: to be also Rural Dean of Forest South (Gloucester).

The Rev Gillian Jessop, Curate, Great Yarmouth Team Ministry (Norwich): to be Rector, Great w Little Addington and Woodford (Peterborough).

The Rev Jeffrey Leonardi, Vicar, Allonby and Cross Canonby (Carlisle): to be Bishop's Adviser in Pastoral Care and Counselling and Assistant Minister, Colwich, Great Haywood and Colton (Lichfield).

The Right Rev Michael Marshall, formerly Archbishops' Adviser for Evangelism: to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Sloane Street (to be known as Assistant Bishop in the diocese of London, based at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street).

The Rev Deborah Mayo, Assistant Curate, Bloxwich (Lichfield): to be Team Vicar, St Martin's, Brimsby (Lincoln).

The Rev Andrew Micklethwaite, Curate, St Peter and Paul, Abington: to be Team Vicar, Duston Team Ministry (Peterborough).

The Rev Paul Morris, Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism (Southwell): to be also Diocesan Officer for the Millennium.

The Rev Barry North, Rector, Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge and Little Wenlock (Hereford): to be a General Preacher for work as Church and Community Worker, Manlake Deanery, Scunthorpe (Lincoln).

The Rev Dr Susan Patterson, formerly of New Zealand: to be Lecturer in Ethics and Applied Theology at Trinity College, Bristol.

The Rev Timothy Pilkington, Rector, St John w Millbrook (Truro): to be Vicar, St Matthew's, Northampton (Peterborough).

The Rev Jennifer Pollock, Curate (NSM), Leominster Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary Magdalene, Eardisley; St Silas, Bollingham and Willersley; St Mary, Brilley; St Michael, Michaelchurch; St Peter and Paul, Whitney; St Michael and All Angels', Winforton; St Mary, Almeley; St James, Kinnersley (Hereford).

The Rev Denise Poole, formerly Assistant Curate, Horton All Saints': to be Anglican Chaplain and Chaplaincy Co-ordinator to the Bradford Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Rev David Rowe, Priest-in-charge, Arborfield w Barkham (Oxford): to be Assistant Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism (Southwell).

The Rev Peter Sibley, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Tewkesbury: to be also Rural Dean of Tewkesbury (Gloucester).

Resignations and retirements

The Very Rev Ben Lewers, Provost of Derby, to retire December 31.

The Rev Kenneth Crichton, Chaplain, The Mount, Bovingdon (St Albans): retired March 31.

The Rev Edward Farley, Priest-in-charge, Bourton-on-the-Water w Clapton (Gloucester): retired April 20.

Canon Gerald Greenwood, Diocesan Director of Education (Southwark): to retire August 31.

Canon Brian Hammond, Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral, and Vicar, All Saints', Spring Park: to retire May 31.

The Rev Neville Jacobs, Vicar, Chipping Sodbury and Old Sodbury (Gloucester): to retire May 31.

The Rev William Lewis, Vicar, St Richard, Ham (Southwark): retired April 30.

The Rev Ralph Mann, Priest-in-charge, Broadwell, Evenlode, Oddington and Adlestroop (Gloucester): to retire May 31.

The Rev Kenneth Wilson, Team Vicar, Wolverhampton Team Ministry, All Saints' (Lichfield): resigned May 16.

The Rev William Wood, Rector, St Mary, Horne, and Priest-in-charge, St John, Outwood (Southwark): to retire May 31.

ON THIS DAY

May 19, 1905

Was money spent on missionary work overseas wasted? As for the kind-hearted old ladies who "so liberally subscribe to the conversion of the poor benighted heathen ... to the detriment of their own poor relations", shouldn't they know how the money was spent?

MISSIONS TO THE HEATHEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir, — At the present time, when those who take an interest in foreign missions are assembled in London, perhaps a few remarks from one who has hitherto been of the opinion that all money spent on missions abroad was entirely wasted, but who recently has somewhat altered his ideas, may be useful.

The sum annually contributed by the people of this country for the conversion of the heathen is enormous, but from what I have lately seen and heard in India the real conversions are hardly worth referring to. The money sent out, however, is to a certain extent usefully employed on education, and very much go on what are known as medical missions for actual surgical and medical work. One medical missionary working amongst the mountains in the north of India, who rarely saw a white man, stated to a friend of mine: "I have been at work now for 15 years. I do not believe I have made one sincere convert, but I have operated successfully for stone on over 1,000 natives."

In Central India the information as to conversions was very much the same. The medical missionaries were doing useful work, but as far as I could gather, and I went pretty carefully into the subject, the mission money was principally spent on schools, which were conducted almost precisely in the same manner as the Government schools, the teachers being Hindus and Mahomedans, with a few Eurasian Christians, the only real difference being that the native youngsters in the mission schools had to listen to a half-hour's chapter from the Bible or prayer; this, in plain language, they endured for the simple reason that the fees in the mission schools were rather less than in the Government ones. Consequently, the good people in this country are really taxing themselves for what nominally correspond to our Church schools in England, thereby saving the Indian Government the lessened cost of what correspond to our own Board schools

The kind-hearted old ladies at home who so liberally subscribe to the conversion of "the poor benighted heathen who bow down to stocks and stones," and who do so often sadly to the detriment of their own poor relations, ought to know really how the money is spent.

One instance of spreading the Gospel, "scattering the seed", an appeal which rarely fails to draw, came to my notice. A friend commanding a native cavalry regiment told me, just after the occurrence took place, that a missionary with several packets of Hindustani and other translations of the Bible and Gospels came to the camp and commenced freely to distribute. There was soon a great rush for the books. My friend found out that his men wanted the books not to read, but to light their camp fires early in the morning, paper being so handy for such purposes when on the march.

Your obedient servant
ALEX. B. TULLOCH.

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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Police investigate 'election bribe'

■ Tony Blair faced his first crisis as Prime Minister as police began investigating allegations that Mohammed Sarwar, Labour MP for Glasgow Govan, paid a £5,000 bribe to a rival candidate to try to boost his general election vote.

The political career of Mr Sarwar, 44, Britain's first Muslim MP, was in thrown into doubt less than three weeks after he was elected with a majority of 2,914 .... Pages 1, 2

Tough targets for water firms

■ Sweeping changes in the way the water industry is run will be announced today by the Government. The measures are expected to include the setting of tough, legally binding, leak-reduction targets, a requirement that all companies should offer a free repair and leak-detection service, free water audits for households and a water saving trust .... Page 1

Holocaust records

Decrypts of German police and SS telegraph traffic detailing the slaughter of Jews across Russia and Ukraine in the Second World War will be released by the Public Record Office .... Page 1

Designer Britain

Tired old Britain needs a new brand image, and the first things to go should be the national flag and the national anthem, according to a design consultancy which specialises in buffing up corporate identities .... Page 3

Elephant talk

Elephants communicate using deep rumbling calls too low for the human ear to hear, research in the Amboseli National Park, Kenya, has shown .... Page 4

Housewives' choice

Volvo-loads of middle-class housewives are taking supplies to the "eco-warriors" trying to stop the construction of Manchester Airport's second runway .. Page 5

Into the unknown

A British climber plans to be the first to scale a 23,124 ft peak in Tibet that nobody in the West knew existed .... Page 6

Saintly path

Fifty pilgrims on a journey to retrace the steps of St Augustine began with the atmosphere of a jolly coach outing and a lunch menu combining spaghetti al pesto with roast beef .... Page 7

Clarke opposes vote

Kenneth Clarke dismissed proposals to give Tory constituency chairmen a vote in choosing the party leader in time for next month's election .... Page 8

Schools' campaign

Independent girls schools are planning to announce a £70 million scheme to save all 3,000 of their assisted places for poorer families after subsidies are scrapped .... Page 9

All change Congo

In the space of a weekend, everything has changed. The country known as Zaire since 1971 is now the Democratic Republic of Congo .... Page 11

Mongolian dilemma

The trappings of Communism are still to be found in Mongolia's capital now more like the Gomorrah of the Gobi .... Page 12

Conservative lead

France's ruling conservatives were narrowly ahead as the last opinion polls were published a week before parliamentary elections .... Page 13

Daughters sue father

Harold Simmons, the self-made Texan billionaire who controls one of America's largest chemicals and natural resources conglomerates, is fighting for his financial life after two of his daughters sued him for every last cent .... Page 14

Cantona sends himself off

■ Eric Cantona offered the most unpredictable twist last night to a career of colourful surprises, by announcing his retirement from football. Such is the cult of the Manchester United forward, he has transcended the sport, and his decision invoked disbelief and anguish amongst the supporters who idolise him .... Pages 1, 3, 25

GILL ALLEN

The Chelsea football team bus sails through a sea of blue yesterday as supporters celebrate the club's Cup Final victory. Pages 3, 28, 29

BUSINESS

Amstrad: Alan Sugar's company has hopes of winning a second lucrative court battle over faulty disk drives supplied by Western Digital .... Page 48

Formula One: Bernie Ecclestone has been forced to cut £1 billion from the flotation price of his motor racing business in order to complete a market launch .... Page 48

Minimum wage: Unison, the public services union, will today put pressure on the Government for a minimum wage of £4.42, in contradiction with Labour's pre-election policy .... Page 45

Tax and art: Labour's first budget could close an inheritance tax loophole allowing the wealthy to hand down important works of art, free of tax .... Page 44

ARTS

Bowie in books: David Bowie is a man of many parts — art collector, art writer and occasional pop star. Now, with the creation of a company called 21, he is also a publisher of art books .... Page 18

Bearing up: Daniele Gatti overcame a bout of flu to conduct the Royal Philharmonic in a solidly crafted performance at the Albert Hall .... Page 18

Television v art: "An arts documentary film can sometimes be more effective than the work it addresses; but it can never register the unique quality of another art" — Melvyn Bragg on a betrayal by the small screen .... Page 19

In the Cannes: Geoff Brown on the pick of the contenders in what was a disappointing event .... Page 19

Mind control: Researchers hope to shed light on the mysteries of the inner voice that allows us to "talk" to ourselves .... Page 15

Brain food: Researchers may have discovered why women are twice as likely as men to suffer from depression and ten times as likely to develop eating disorders ... Page 15

Life story: In a new book the rock writer Paul Du Noyer offers a comprehensive insight into the stories behind John Lennon's most moving songs .... Page 16

Back to basics: Two years ago fashion editors were eulogising about Marks & Spencer's new chic — but all that has gone ..... Page 17

The Good University Guide: *The Times* guide to the best courses and where to apply .... Pages 40, 41

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ VISUAL ART
Brighton takes the pulse of the feverish Sixties

■ LAW
Farmer who cannot get permission to enjoy the peace and quiet of the country

Football: Chelsea's victory in the FA Cup Final showed that the club is in a position to shake off its wasted years and emerge as a significant force again ..... Page 28, 29

Cricket: The inclusion of 19-year-old Ben Hollioake in the England squad for the Texaco Trophy one-day internationals against Australia is a welcome break from the usually more cautious selection policy .... Page 27

Golf: Per-Ulrik Johansson improved his bid for a place in the Europe Ryder Cup team by winning the Alamo English Open at Hanbury Manor .... Page 26

Rugby union: Louis Luyt, the president of the South African Rugby Football Union, said he would like to see the British Lions touring the country more often as he welcomed the touring party .... Page 33

Rugby league: Wigan showed that they are far from being a spent force with an impressive victory at Halifax .... Page 33

Racing: Lord Wakeham, chairman of the British Horseracing Board, is attracting considerable controversy over his plans to join the board of the Tote .... Page 34

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Preview: A salmon fishing season: *Tales from the Riverbank* (BBC2, 9.30pm). **Review:** Peter Barnard watches boring dramas ... Page 47

The Budget judgement

Tax rises now would deflate the economy, hitting both employment and investment, make spending control more difficult as ministers saw the Treasury's coffers overflowing and would damage Mr Blair's claims about his new covenant of honesty .... Page 21

Suspend Sarwar

The allegations made against Mohammed Sarwar, the MP for Glasgow Govan, are of a different order from those levelled against the Tory MPs accused of corruption. They do, however, call for similarly tough treatment .... Page 21

Vegans and Volvos

Permanent protesting can prove wearing but we all need, occasionally, to be reminded of the importance of being earnest .... Page 21

PETER RIDDELL

If the legislature is to regain its proper role of holding ministers to account, further changes are necessary. Parliament has to recognise the emergence of alternative centres of power — whether the European institutions, the judiciary, utility regulators or, now, the Bank of England .... Page 20

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Tory democracy must be more than a fine phrase; only a directly elected leader will have democratic authority .... Page 20

Price of water

Environmentalists and suppliers have the same aims, say Brian Duckworth and Simon Lyster .. Page 20

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The behaviour of Kabila over the massacre of Rwandan refugees is disturbing. If Mobutu was a thief, then Kabila is a murderer

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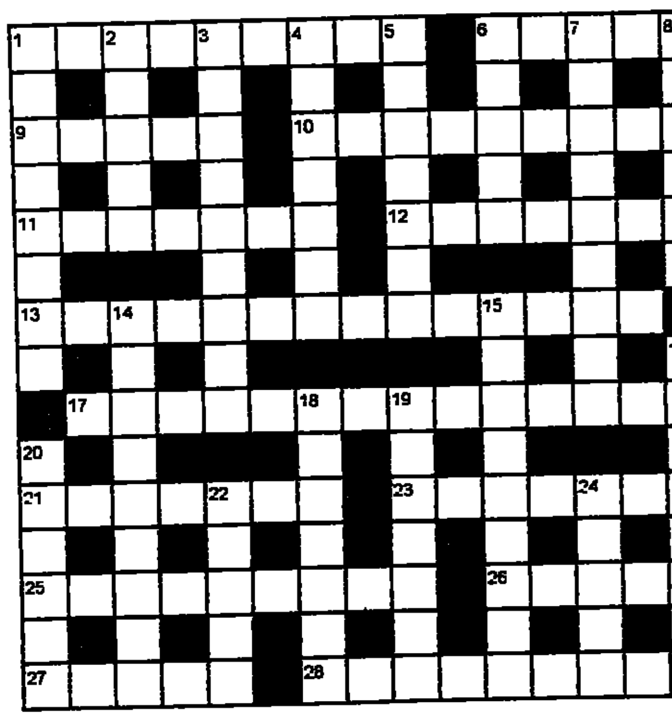

ACROSS

1 It's seldom problematic for seekers of fresh air (9).
6 Island state captured by specialist troops (5).
9 Hot drink, say, available in Students' Union (5).
10 Game in France that includes a practice session (9).
11 Islanders giving old ruler no difficulty, we hear (7).
12 Deadlock produced by one's admission of decline (7).
13 Left strong law group in meeting showing composure (4-10).
17 Promotion rep got, including imposing new semi (14).
21 Young thug covering chimney in Scotland (7).
23 Many attempt to comprehend point of drawing (7).
25 Lyrical arrangement for harps of poem for singing (9).
26 Church vestment identified by old peasant right away (5).
27 One investing in neat accommodation, it's said (5).
28 Animal doctor goes in to effect cure in church (9).

DOWN

1 Obvious requirement of customs officers (8).
2 Pronouncement of group formed to defend drink (5).
3 Method of painting producing beastly complaint (9).
4 They may be numbered among directors' successes (7).
5 Disease developed in coastal region (7).
6 Fight for a morsel of food (5).
7 Rock three leading characters set up as distance marker (9).
8 Ancient coin, sovereign, pocketed by second scoundrel (6).
14 Old soldier, e.g. in royal resort (9).
15 In some respect, a clever display (9).
16 Extra canvas as ship crossing river meets trouble (8).
18 Vagrant girl restricted by lack of waterproof clothing (7).
19 Criminal wrongly put in charge over modern technology (7).
20 Innocent child giving revolutionary a problem (6).
22 Scientific apparatus giving 2 a change of heart (5).
24 Come on stage to record (5).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,482 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Southend, Essex, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Dyce airport, Aberdeen, 0.73in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 11hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** frontal troughs will be slow-moving over northern Scotland as another pushes slowly north across England and Wales.

It will start misty in parts of England and Wales, and eastern coasts will be foggy all day. Sunshine will develop but rain or showers in the south at dawn will spread northwards during the day, some quite heavy. Sunny spells will develop in the south later. It will still be fairly warm but less humid than recently.

Shetland will be dry but very windy. Orkney and the north will have some rain, heavy at times, but southern Scotland and Northern Ireland should have some sun before the showers. North Sea coasts will remain foggy.

☐ **London, S E England, Central S England, Channel Isles, S W England:** rain early, then sunny spells; showers later. Wind southeast to south, moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, N W England, Central N England:** early mist, then heavy showers or rain from south; bright later. Wind southeast to east, light or moderate. Max 16-18C (61-64F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, N E England, Borders, S W Scotland, N Ireland:** early fog, then sun and showers, prolonged later. Wind mainly east, light. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** early fog, then some sun; perhaps a shower later. Wind mainly east, light. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Moray Firth, N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney:** mostly cloudy and wet, some of the rain heavy; mist and hill fog. Wind east moderate or fresh. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Shetland:** cloudy but dry. Wind east or northeast, strong or gale. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** slowly becoming dry, colder in the north.

☐ **Pollen forecast today:** all regions should be low.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun	Rain	Max				Sun	Rain	Max		
	hrs	in	C	F			hrs	in	C	F	
Aberdeen	0.3	0.79	13	55	f	Lerwick	0.8	0.01	9	48	b
Anglesey	3.1	0.13	16	61	fg	Leuchars	-	0.31	10	50	f
Aspatria	1.1	0.28	16	61	f	Littlehmptn	6.9	0.19	17	63	s
Aviemore	0.1	0.29	13	55	f	London	5.8	0.01	21	70	b
Belfast	0.6	0.65	16	61	r	Lowestoft	4.3	0.01	18	64	fg
Birmingham	2.8	0.24	20	68	b	Manchester	3.9	0.18	20	68	b
Bognor R	5.5	0.13	18	64	b	Margate	3.8	0.15	20	68	s
Bournem'th	3.9	0.13	16	61	b	Morecambe	0.8	0.41	19	66	f
Bristol	2.9	0.27	20	68	b	Newcastle	0.1	0.02	14	57	fg
Buxton	3.7	0.03	18	64	s	Newquay	7.8	0.07	17	63	s
Cardiff	4.8	0.04	18	64	b	Norwich	5.1	0.01	21	70	b
Clacton	11.0	0.02	16	61	s	Oxford	6.0	0.24	19	66	s
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	X	0.02	16	61	s
Colwyn Bay	7.4	0.13	19	66	s	Poole	3.5	0.16	18	64	b
Cromer	1.1	0.12	19	66	sh	Prestatyn	X	0.08	20	68	b
Dunbar	-	0.28	10	50	f	Ross-o-wye	4.5	0.06	20	68	b
Eastbourne	4.2	0.01	17	63	s	Ryde	2.6	0.22	16	61	b
Edinburgh	-	0.27	10	50	f	Salcombe	9.1	0.06	17	63	s
Eskdalemuir	-	0.08	11	52	r	Sandown	2.2	0.26	16	61	d
Exmouth	8.0	-	15	59	s	Saunton Snd	7.0	0.22	16	61	b
Falmouth	9.2	-	16	61	s	Scarboro'	-	0.01	17	63	fg
Fishguard	2.8	0.33	16	61	r	Shanklin	3.7	0.22	X	X	b
Folkestone	2.8	0.01	19	66	c	Shrewsbury	5.3	0.01	19	66	b
Glasgow	-	0.10	11	52	r	Skegness	2.5	-	19	66	b
Hastings	5.4	-	17	63	c	Southend	6.0	-	22	72	b
Hayling I.	4.4	0.10	15	59	b	Southport	4.5	0.30	19	66	f
Herne Bay	3.3	-	20	68	s	Southsea	2.4	0.12	15	59	c
Hove	4.8	0.12	16	61	s	Swanage	3.9	0.18	16	61	b
Hunstanton	X	0.01	19	66	b	Teignmouth	7.8	0.01	16	61	b
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	3.6	0.05	16	61	b
Isle of Man	1.2	0.15	14	57	r	Torquay	7.4	-	17	63	s
Jersey	3.3	0.01	19	66	b	Ventnor	2.6	0.20	18	61	fg
Kinloss	-	0.44	11	52	f	West-s-mare	6.0	0.04	14	57	b
Leeds	1.7	0.01	19	66	d	Weymouth	4.5	0.04	14	57	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	s	Corfu	27	81	s	Majorca	22	72	f	Rome	23	73	s
Akrotiri	21	70	s	C'phagn	17	63	s	Malaga	22	72	f	S Fr'isco	28	82	s
Alex'dria	33	91	s	Dublin	15	59	c	Malta	24	75	s	S Paulo	23	73	c
Algiers	17	63	r	Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Melb'rne	14	57	s	Salzburg	26	79	s
Amst'dm	25	77	s	Faro	19	66	s	Mexico C	X			Santiago	16	61	f
Athens	26	79	s	Florence	27	81	f	Miami	24	75	r	Seoul	21	70	f
B Aires	26	79	s	Frankfurt	25	77	f	Milan	29	84	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Funchal	20	68	c	Montreal	14	57	s	St'kholm	18	64	s
Bangkok	35	95	f	Geneva	23	73	f	Moscow	8	46	c	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
Barbados	X			Gibraltar	20	68	f	Munich	26	79	s	Sydney	22	72	s
Barcelona	19	66	c	Helsinki	13	55	s	N Delhi	37	99	s	Tangier	20	68	f
Beirut	23	73	f	Hong K	28	82	c	N York	18	64	f	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Belgrade	28	82	s	Innsbrck	27	81	s	Nairobi	23	73	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Berlin	25	77	s	Istanbul	17	63	s	Naples	28	82	s	Tokyo	25	77	f
Bermuda	24	75	f	Jeddah	35	95	f	Nice	22	72	f	Toronto	10	50	f
Biarritz	13	55	r	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	16	61	s	Tunis	27	81	s
Bordeaux	17	63	f	L Angels	19	66	f	Paris	24	75	f	Valencia	24	75	f
Brussels	26	79	s	L Palmas	23	73	s	Peking	31	88	s	Vanc'ver	14	57	s
Budapest	27	81	s	Le Tquet	25	77	f	Perth	26	79	c	Venice	24	75	s
Cairo	36	97	s	Lisbon	19	66	f	Prague	27	81	s	Vienna	27	81	s
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Locarno	25	77	s	Reykjavik	10	50	f	Warsaw	21	70	s
Ch'church	13	55	x	Luxembg	25	77	f	Rhodes	23	73	s	Wash'ton	15	59	c
Chicago	11	52	s	Luxor	39	102	s	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	15	59	x
Cologne	27	81	s	Madrid	16	61	c	Riyadh	39	102	s	Zurich	25	77	s

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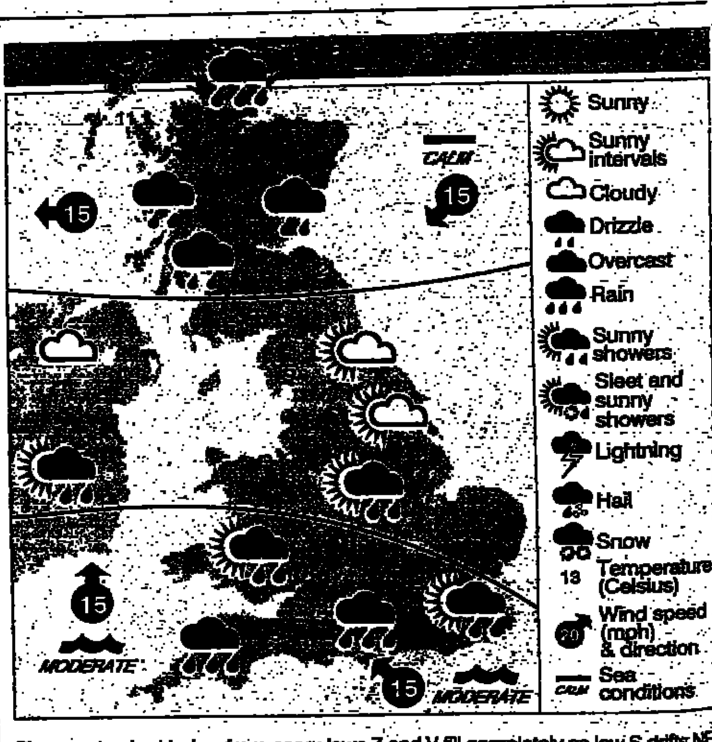

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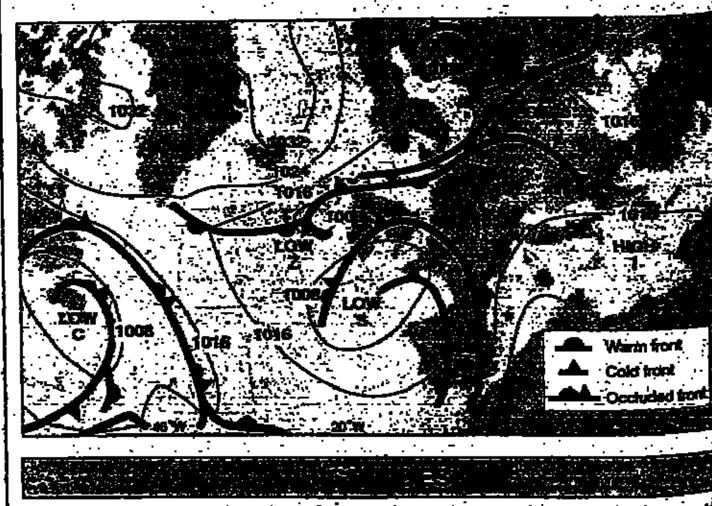

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Avonmouth	05.49	11.4	18.17	11.7	Lowestoft	08.54	2.2	20.35	2.2
Belfast	09.48	3.1	22.23	3.1	Margate	11.02	4.2	23.12	4.7
Cardiff	05.35	10.8	18.03	10.9	Milford Haven	05.00	5.9	17.24	6.8
Devonport	04.14	5.0	16.45	5.1	Newquay	03.56	6.0	16.19	6.1
Dover	10.05	5.8	22.20	6.0	Oban	04.39	3.4	17.15	3.4
Dublin (N Wall)	10.42	3.5	23.01	3.6	Penzance	03.27	4.8	15.51	4.9
Falmouth	03.45	4.8	16.16	4.9	Portland	05.20	1.4	17.54	1.6
Greenock	11.27	2.9	-	-	Portsmouth	10.23	4.0	22.44	4.3
Harwich	10.53	3.6	23.09	3.5	Shoreham	10.09	5.3	22.28	5.6
Holyhead	09.19	4.9	21.45	5.0	Southampton	09.42	4.0	22.09	4.3
Hull (Albert D)	05.15	7.6	17.27	7.8	Swansea	05.09	8.2	17.39	8.4
Ilfracombe	04.43	7.9	17.09	8.1	Tees	02.22	4.7	14.37	4.8
King's Lynn	05.21	5.6	17.28	5.8	Walton-on-N.	10.48	3.7	23.04	3.7

All times BST. Heights in metres

Sun rises: 5.03 am
Sun sets: 8.52 pm
Moon sets: 3.58 am
Moon rises: 5.34 pm
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London 8.52 pm to 5.02 am
Bristol 9.01 pm to 5.12 am
Edinburgh 9.27 pm to 4.52 am
Manchester 9.10 pm to 5.01 am
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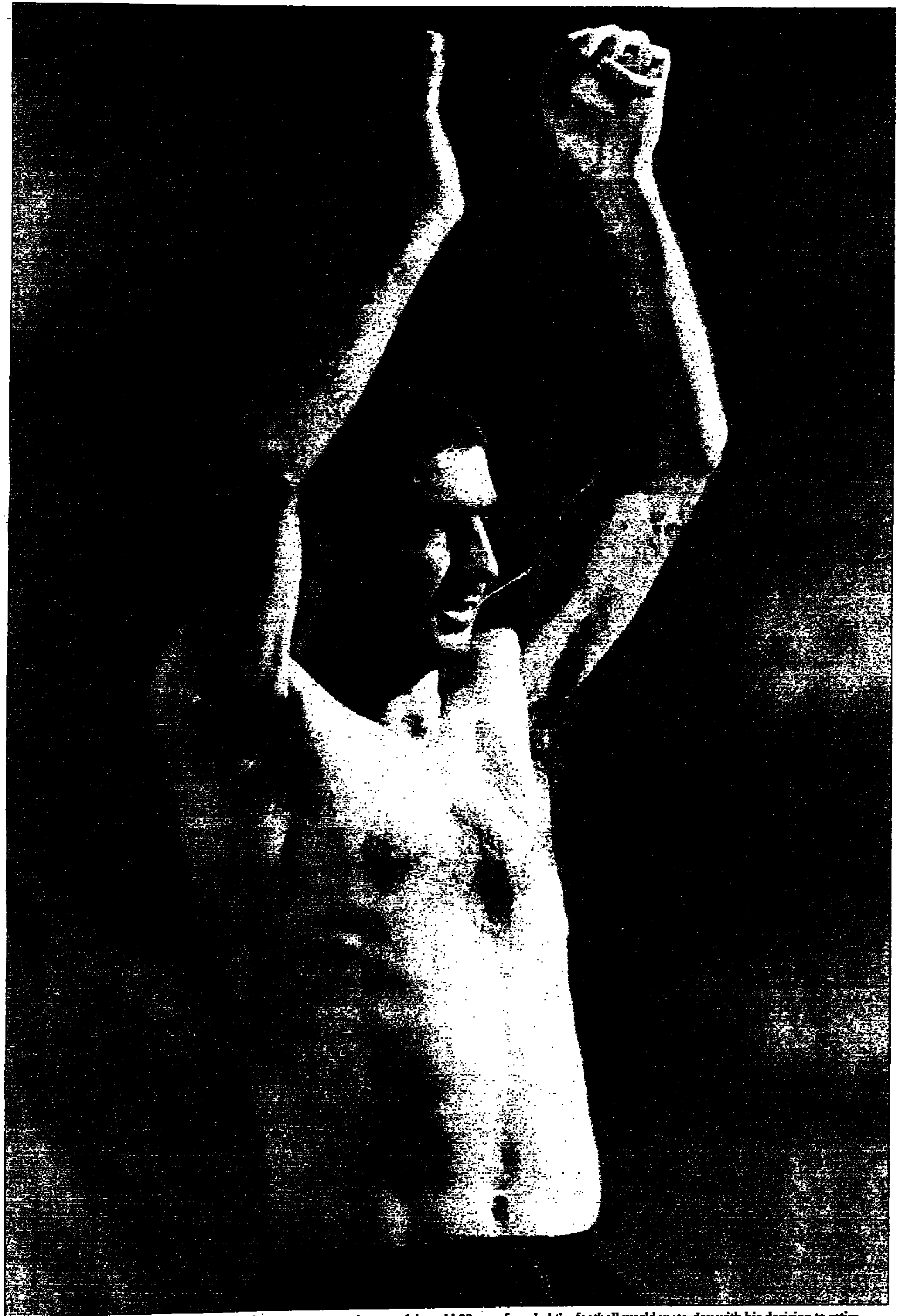
Cantona, the pivotal figure in Manchester United's dominance of the mid-90s, confounded the football world yesterday with his decision to retire

Cantona cuts short great adventure

By Oliver Holt
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THERe has always been something of the icon in the iconoclast that is Eric Cantona and yesterday the supremely talented French footballer went the way of so many fragile, ephemeral cultural heroes before him when he chose to leave at the top, not fade away.

Whether he realised that his powers were on the wane, that he had outgrown his usefulness as a catalyst for Manchester United, as the *model for the club's young* players, or whether he sensed that his age — he will be 31 this week — was gradually robbing him of the nonconformity that gave him his spark, it was indicative of the influence he has had on English football that the shock waves of the news should overshadow the FA Cup Final on Saturday.

The announcement of the retirement of the man who has bestrode the English game in the Nineties came from Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United, at 3.30pm yesterday and was treated with the solemnity usually accorded to the passing of a monarch.

For the fans who have idolised him, the ones who have hated him, the media who have written exhaustively about him and praised him extravagantly, the sight of the famous upturned collar of the red No 7 shirt seems to have gone forever, and with it the sense of dangerous unpredictability and excitement he brought to a football world dominated by young clones.

The marketing men will miss him, too. The advertisement that featured a large black and white picture of him *under the statement* "1966 was a great year for English football, Eric was born" was one of the most successful in Nike's history.

There is a possibility that he may repent of his decision. He retired once before in France in 1991 after being banned for two months for yelling "idiot" in the faces of each member of a disciplinary panel quizzing him over his sending-off for throwing the ball at a referee.

Still, the disbelief with which the announcement of his retirement, made by Martin Edwards, the United chairman, was greeted, brought to mind the wide-eyed astonishment on Merseyside that followed the news that Bill Shankly had resigned as manager of Liverpool in the 1970s.

The news comes against a background of speculation that Cantona's powers had begun to wane and that United were on the verge of using him more selectively, possibly by replacing him with Juninho, for whom Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has professed great admiration.

There were whispers yesterday that Cantona had been unhappy about the terms of a new contract that had been offered to him. Whatever the reason, the timing could not be more convenient for United.

> 'United owe the Frenchman a huge debt of gratitude'

Cantona changed the face of English football, transforming United from a team of underachievers, labouring under the weight of not having won the championship since 1967, to the dominant force in the FA Carling Premiership.

He denied them the old first division title one last time when he helped Leeds United to win it in 1992. But after Ferguson had signed him for a bargain £1.2 million in November of that year, United became unstoppable.

For four of the next five years, they were champions, with him as the fulcrum of the team. The only time they faltered — in 1995 when they lost the title to Blackburn Rovers — came when he was in the midst of serving an eight-month ban for delivering a kung-fu kick to a Crystal Palace fan at Selhurst Park on January 25.

It was thought then that United would cut their losses, that the stigma would be such that Cantona would never play in England again but Ferguson stayed loyal to the Frenchman, even travelling to Paris to meet him in a restaurant and talk him out of asking for a transfer request.

At the end of that season, United parted company with the likes of Paul Ince and Andrei Kanchelskis and put their faith in home-grown young players such as Gary and Phil Neville, Nicky Butt and David Beckham. Cantona, after his return that October, was the bridge between the past and the future and helped them to the double.

This year, he led United to their fourth championship in five years as captain but despite some superb moments, like his individual goal against Sunderland at Old Trafford, his performances dipped below the sublime level supporters had been used to. When he played poorly in United's European Cup semi-final defeat last month, some even said that he should be sold.

The die-hard United fans, though, never lost faith with him. The last issue of one of their fanzines, *United We Stand*, printed a picture of him on its front page under the headline "Red Till Dead". In a footballing sense, at least, they may have been right.

ERIC CANTONA IN ENGLAND

LEEDS UNITED

Appearances: 35
Goals: 14
Honours: Football League Championship: 1992
Charity Shield: 1992

MANCHESTER UNITED

Appearances: 185
Goals: 82
Honours: FA Premier League: 1993
FA Carling Premiership: 1994, 1996, 1997
FA Cup: 1994, 1996
Charity Shield: 1993, 1994, 1996
Footballer of the Year (Players) 1994
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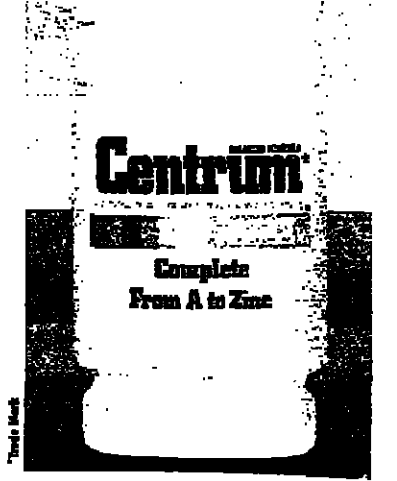

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BBC's last Cup Final falls short of classic

DAVID POWELL

TV ACTION REPLAY

Middlesbrough's first FA Cup Final, the *BBC's last*. ITV akes possession of live coverage next year and the final pass on Saturday was more *Mustoe than Leboeuf*, safe rather than adventurous. There were one or two typical Des Lynam moments — "I suppose *he'll be keeping his* fingers crossed," he quipped after a pre-match interview with Tony Banks — but the *BBC, like the game*, was not always up to the flavour of the occasion.

Banks, Minister for Sport and Chelsea fan, might have known what was coming after his much-publicised crossing of fingers while swearing allegiance to the Crown. Similarly, viewers might have seen a slight Chelsea bias coming, given that Ruud Gullit is one of its favourite studio analysts. Why was there an A to Z of Chelsea in the four-hour build-up, but not of Middlesbrough?

The suspicion of a preference for Chelsea was height*ened after the game.* "We are delighted for Chelsea, their fans, and our friend Ruud," Lynam said. But miffed at *losing to* ITV. One fact among the thousands hurled at viewers during the 6½ hours was left unsaid: that, next year, the BBC would not be showing the FA Cup Final live, for the first time since it became a televised event. ITV has it until 2001.

One day, perhaps, an Italian or a Brazilian will be our Cup Final commentator, but not yet as Brian Moore prepares to take John Motson's shirt. Those who have appreciated Motson's Cup Final commentaries, facts and figures before emotion, will have enjoyed the opening minute of his last act.

When Di Matteo struck, Motson peaked with him. Less impressed with the beauty of the goal than its statistical merit, Motson's first words were: "Di Matteo shoots. What about this? Possibly the quickest goal in an FA Cup Final." Quickly followed by Jackie Milburn, Newcastle United, and 1955, *full details of the one it beat.*

The BBC made a promising, relaxed start, following the players shopping, boating and golfing in the days leading up to Wembley. Occasionally, though, it took leave of its senses. We had a phone-in competition to find the worst Cup Final song. Ten to choose from. "Real stonkers," Lynam called them. He was not sure why they were doing this, but they were. Crystal Palace, clearly the worst, were robbed by Liverpool, compounding the pointlessness and stupidity of the whole thing.

Experts told us to expect a classic final and The Road to Wembley was an entertaining reminder that there had been romance and drama at every turn: Hednesford, Wrexham, Chesterfield; early exits for the Uniteds of Manchester and Newcastle, Chelsea two-down against Liverpool in the fourth round; Middlesbrough spared by a referee's error against Chesterfield in the semi-finals.

There were walk-on parts for all sorts of people. Lynam's interview style was right for Pelé, but hopeless in the company of Steve Gibson, the Middlesbrough chairman. There were so many things we wanted to know about Middlesbrough, but the tackles lacked commitment and Gibson delighted in saying, repeatedly, that he was not going to answer.

When Motson *admitted* that the game was "some way short of being a classic final", and as we waited for the inevitable second Chelsea goal, one could not help but recall how the midweek Nationwide League play-offs had been closer contests. Here, Wolverhampton Wanderers were doing a Middlesbrough: all that money spent and nothing to show for it.

The same cannot be said for Sky: all that money spent and everything to show for it. They had cameras at all six play-off semi-finals and preview interviews or news reports from each one. It was not the most memorable of evenings, moderate drama as Palace won by the odd goal and Sheffield United beat Ipswich Town in extra time. Still, Sky managed to work up a frenzy of activity but scored an own goal by *failing to give the results of* the second and third division play-offs until 75 minutes after the final whistle.

GOLF: SWEDE STRENGTHENS CLAIMS TO PLACE IN EUROPE TEAM WITH ENGLISH OPEN VICTORY

Johansson swings into cup overdrive

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

PER-ULRIK JOHANSSON has always seemed a particularly determined player. The stocky 30-year-old Swede's command of English is excellent, his composure assured, his single-mindedness obvious. The 1995 Ryder Cup player, who won the European Open last September on a parkland course designed by an American, used all of this experience to win the Alamo English Open at Hanbury Manor, another parkland golf course designed by an American.

Johansson, the only Ryder Cup player among the leading 14 at the start of the day, made his mark over the closing nine holes. He was one stroke behind Dennis Edlund, the leader, after 63 holes, had moved to level with his fellow Swede on the 64th, took a one-stroke lead on the 66th, widened it to two strokes on the 68th and then used his golfing brain to hold on for his fourth victory on the European tour.

Johansson's 67 gave him a total of 269, 19 under par, two strokes better than Edlund, whose previous best performance was twelfth in the Madeira Open last year. Jay Townsend had a 67 to share third place with Steve Webster on 16 under par and David Howell *further underlined* his potential by tying with Roger Chapman on 15 under par.

Johansson landed his first telling blow on the 10th, when he chipped in from 15 yards for a birdie. The second came on the 12th, where he launched an enormous drive, followed it with a huge five-iron that went over 200 yards and boldly rapped the putt into the hole for an eagle. That took him one stroke ahead of Edlund, *who was probably wondering* what had hit him.

"I was surprised to win the European Open because I did *not feel I was playing well,*" Johansson said. "I am not surprised this week. My last two rounds were 64 and 67. My swing has felt good this week." With more than 300,000 points, Johansson, third behind Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer, has virtually confirmed his place in *Europe's* Ryder Cup team.

In their private duel, Montgomerie edged out José *Maria Olazábal by one stroke,* 11 under to ten under. They meet this morning in the first round of the Andersen Consulting World Championship at The Buckinghamshire. "I can't drive and he can't chip and putt," Olazábal said. "Should be quite a match."

It is the first meeting at matchplay between the two men since the final of the 1984 Amateur at Formby, when Olazábal chipped and putted *Montgomerie out of it.* There is more at stake for Montgomerie, who has had only one finish in the top ten in *Europe this year, than for* Olazábal, whose recovery from his foot ailments has seemingly been so successful. This was Olazábal's seventh event since his return, and he remains eleventh in the Ryder Cup table.

"Tomorrow is a big day for me," Montgomerie said. "It is important that I hold my position. I am seeded first. I hope I remain that way on Tuesday night." He grinned at *the memory of their last* meeting. "He was only an 18-year-old Spanish kid and I didn't think much of him. I *thought I would not have* any trouble with him then. I was wrong then. I hope I will be right tomorrow."

Montgomerie blames his poor golf on unusual twin circumstances: the mental repercussions of the Masters and his house move the week after returning from the United States.

Whether or not Hanbury Manor was too easy will remain a matter of opinion. *Suffice to say that* it was a relief after the climatic and visual excesses of The Oxfordshire to be reminded that the *beauties of a golf course can* include horse chestnut trees, cedars, oaks and beeches. If, in such conditions, players take advantage, then so be it. The West course at Wentworth awaits this week and that course, known as the Burma Road, will not yield so easily.

FINAL SCORES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated
269: P-U Johansson (Swe) 70, 68, 64, 67 271: D Edlund (Swe) 68, 65, 69, 69 272: J Townsend (US) 72, 63, 70, 67, S Webster 68, 66, 70, 68 273: D Howell 70, 70, 66, 67, R Chapman 66, 66, 71, 70. 274: S Torrance 73, 67, 67, 67, R Claydon 69, 69, 66, 70 275: M James 72, 67, 69, 67. 276: G Orr 71, 70, 71, 64; G Emerson 68, 68, 65, 75 277: C Montgomerie 72, 68, 70, 67, S Grappasonni (It) 72, 66, 71, 68; S Ames (Trin) 68, 72, 69, 68 C Whitelaw (SA) 73, 67, 68, 69; N Fasth (Swe) 70, 70, 68, 69; P Price 73, 68, 67, 69 I Garbutt 75, 66, 67, 69; S McAllister 71, 69, 67, 70 M A Martin (Sp) 73, 68, 66, 70; D Clarke 72, 64, 70, 71 278: R Karlsson (Swe) 71, 67, 73, 67, J M Olazábal (Sp) 69, 72, 69, 68; P Lawrie 68, 73, 66, 71, L Westwood 72, 64, 69, 73 279: D Carter 73, 67, 71, 68, C Suneson (Sp) 68, 74, 69, 68; R Davis (Aus) 72, 68, 70, 69, M A Jimenez (Sp) 68, 72, 69, 70; D Chopra (Swe) 70, 70, 68, 71 P Baker 71, 69, 67, 72

ALLSPORT

The shadows lengthen as Johansson plays his second to the 17th in his final round of 67 in the English Open at Hanbury Manor yesterday

Corretja wins first Italian Open crown

ALEX CORRETJA, of Spain, won the Italian Open tennis title for the first time yesterday, defeating Marcelo Rios, of Chile, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3 in the final in Rome to establish himself as favourite for the French Open, which starts a week today.

Corretja, the No 10 seed, who has the best record on clay this season — a surface on which he has lost just four times — avenged his defeat by Rios in Monte Carlo last month. The victory also hoisted him to eighth in the new world rankings, which will be announced today.

Corretja, 23, has reached four clay-court finals this season, winning in Rome and Estoril and losing at Monte Carlo and Munich. His willingness to rally from the baseline and wait for the right moment to attack paid off yesterday against an impetuous opponent, who attempted to hit winners from every part of the court.

Murray finishes fifth

ATHLETICS: Yvonne Murray finished a disappointing fifth in the Britannia City of Glasgow women's ten-kilometre road race yesterday after suffering cramp in a calf muscle. Victory went to Jo Thompson, of Bristol, who overtook the ailing Murray with less than four kilometres to go. Thompson's winning time was 33min 17sec, which set a new course record, and confirmed her recent run of good form.

Murray said: "Everything *was all right until six* kilometres. I was after a really fast time." But she was reduced to a walking pace as Thompson cut into her 70-metre lead. "My brain told me to stop," Murray said, "but I did not want to *drop out.*"

Fernandez ends wait

TENNIS: Mary Joe Fernandez capitalised on an erratic performance by Mary Pierce to win the final of the German Open 6-4, 6-2 in Berlin yesterday, the American's first tournament victory for two years. Pierce, who won the Italian Open last week, led 4-2 in the first set, but the French player's game then collapsed as Fernandez won eight straight games.

☐ Martina Hingis, the world No 1, has announced that she has recovered from a knee injury and will play in the French Open, which starts next week.

O'Sullivan at double

SNOOKER: Ronnie O'Sullivan became the first player to use ambidextrous play in competition during the Doctor Martens European League at the Diamond Centre, Irthlingborough, yesterday. O'Sullivan, naturally right-handed, used left-handed play to help him establish a 5-4 lead over Stephen Hendry in the best-of-19-frames final. He played one third of the match left handed, although, during a 6-2 victory over Peter Ebdon in the semi-finals on Saturday, this ratio had been closer to 80 per cent.

Barry lift treble

FOOTBALL: Barry Town achieved an unprecedented treble by adding the Welsh Cup to their League of Wales championship and cup victories when they beat Cwmbran Town 2-1 at Ninian Park yesterday. Cohen Griffith, the former Cardiff City striker, scored from a seventh-minute corner to calm Barry nerves and settled the game in the 71st minute after *Chris Watkins had equalised.*

Junior title goes West

HOCKEY: West recovered the junior divisional title after nine years when the round-robin tournament for Under-21 players ended at Milton Keynes yesterday. By the time West *defeated North 7-0, they had taken a grip on the tournament.* South, set the task of beating Midlands by a nine-goal margin in the last match of the day, could only scrape home 6-5, and had to be content with second position.

Espinosa stays ahead

BOXING: *Luisito Espinosa*, of the Philippines, retained his World Boxing Council featherweight title in Manila on Saturday after suffering an eye injury in a clash with Manuel Medina, of Mexico. Jay Nady, the referee, was forced to end the bout in the eighth round, with Espinosa ahead on all three judges' cards, giving him a technical knockout.

Horton snatches prize

GOLF: Tommy Horton produced a run of three birdies over the final four holes to secure victory in the AIB Irish Seniors' Open at St Margaret's, Dublin, yesterday. Horton, 55, the Royal Jersey professional, closed with a 68 for a total of 208, eight under par, to snatch the top prize from the overnight leader, Noel Ratcliffe, of Australia, by two strokes.

Lunn shakes off injury and doubt to earn tenth victory

BY MEL WEBB

TWO years of injury and uncertainty about her future *ended yesterday for Karen* Lunn when she won the American Express Tour Players' Classic at The Tytherington Club with a closing round of 71 and a total of 283, five under par.

Lunn, 31, has pursued twin careers in Europe and the United States for some years, but lost her ranking on both tours last year. In 1995, a herniated disc kept her out of action for three months and, when she tried to return — too soon — she could not do justice to herself. The result, no *ranking in Europe, 113th in the* United States.

Last year the death of her father hit her hard and she *was unable to recapture even* the faintest vestige of the form that had made her a steady money-earner on both sides of the Atlantic. Result — again, *no ranking in Europe. 132nd* and a lost player's card in the United States. At long last, she has found her way again, taking £15,000 after winning by one shot from Tina Fischer, of Germany, and Patricia Meunier Lebouc, of France, *with Helen Wadsworth fourth* on level par.

Lunn did not have things all her own way as she pursued the tenth victory of her professional career. She started two shots behind Lebouc and one adrift of Fischer and the leeway increased by two shots when she bogeyed the 1st while her two nearest rivals both had birdies.

A double-bogey seven at the 2nd pulled *Lebouc back to* Lunn, but it did not look likely *to matter*, so well was Fischer going for a while. The pivotal *moment of the round came on* the 6th green, when Fischer, holding a four-stroke lead by now, had a four-foot putt for a *birdie and Lunn was* six feet outside her.

If Fischer had holed the putt and Lunn had missed, the gap *would have been five* and that might have been too much. As it was, Fischer missed, Lunn holed, and that reduced the *gap to three,* which came back to two when Lunn sank a two-foot putt for birdie at the 9th.

The miss on the 6th was to *be Fischer's undoing. She did* birdie the 12th, but she also scattered bogeys throughout a back nine of 39. With Lebouc's *fortunes waning. Lunn had to* do no more than play par golf — and that, with birdies on the 11th and 12th to offset bogeys *on the 13th* and 17th, is exactly what she did.

FINAL SCORES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated
283: K Lunn (Aus) 74, 67, 71, 71 284: T Fischer (Ger) 69, 69, 73, 73; P Meunier-Lebouc (Fr) 75, 69, 66, 74 288: H Wadsworth 74, 67, 72, 75. 289: A-C Jonasson (Swe) 75, 70, 70, 74 291: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 72, 73, 74, 72 M Arruti (Sp) 76, 76, 66, 73; J Soulsby 75, 70, 70, 76 292: E Knuth (Sp) 78, 69, 74, 71, S Molin (Swe) 74, 75, 70, 73 293: M Murray 72, 80, 71, 70 A-M Knight (Aus) 71, 74, 74, 74 S Dallongeville (Fr) 75, 70, 72, 76; V Stenerud (Nor) 69, 76, 69, 79 294: K Mourgue d'Algue (Fr) 73, 76, 71, 74, S Gustafson (Swe) 73, 71, 74, 76, M Hageman (Holl) 77, 71, 69, 77 295: L Jensen (US) 77, 72, 75, 71 N Fink (Austria) 74, 74, 75, 72. S Forster 74, 73, 74, 74, C Schmitt (Fr) 78, 70, 72, 75; A Radford 75, 73, 72, 75 A Arruti (Sp) 73, 79, 68, 75.

Arruti returns to form

JESUS MARIA ARRUTI, of *Spain, secured victory by one* stroke in the second Modena Classic after holding the lead from the end of the second *round of the PGA European* Tour event.

He beat off challenges from Mario Tadini, of Italy, who *finished second in front of his* home crowd, and Greg Chalmers, of Australia, who was a further three strokes back.

Arruti recorded a 69 for a total of 271. The best British *performance was by Matthew* Hazelden, who finished in eleventh place on 278.

"I played perfect golf on the *first two days but was tense* today," Arruti said. "My golf is back to how it was five years ago and now I hope to *make the main Tour.*"

Cheng Jun, of China, recorded the first tournament win of his career, by five *strokes in the China Open in* Beijing yesterday.

Woods has two-shot advantage

TIGER WOODS went back to the practice ground after an erratic third-round perfor*mance at the Byron Nelson* Classic in Irving, Texas. Woods, the Masters champion, recorded a three-under-par 67 to ensure that he went into the final day with a two-stroke lead.

"I'm going to have to play better tomorrow," Woods said, after he had produced six birdies and three bogeys on the TPC course at the Four Seasons resort for a 15-under-*par total of a 195.* "A *lot of guys* can win this."

Lee Rinker, who had shared the second round lead with *Woods*, Dave Berganio, Mike Standly, Jim Furyk and Dan Forsman were all two shots behind the leader, with *another seven players* a further stroke adrift.

The putter has been the most reliable club for Woods all week. For the second day in a row he needed only 26 putts. "My chipping and my putting has saved me," he said. Woods gave several examples of his immaculate short game, including a delicate bump-and-run to 18 inches on the 16th for a birdie.

However, Woods, who opened the tournament with consecutive rounds of 64, was *not able to distance himself* from the field as he had done in his record 12-stroke victory at the Masters, where he was nine shots ahead going into the final round.

Lindley upstages the opposition

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

LETA LINDLEY'S name and looks give her a film-star *quality that would not be out* of place in Hollywood but, instead, she has been starring on the golf course in the McDonald's LPGA Championship at the DuPont Country Club.

Lindley, a petite, dark-haired 24-year-old Arizonan who lives in California, shared the lead with Chris Johnson, a fellow American, after three rounds. They were on 210, *three under par, two shots* ahead of Kim Saiki and Sherri Steinhauer. Barb Mucha was on 213, level par, with the trio *of Trish Johnson, Annika* Sorenstam and Judy Dickinson on 215.

Sorenstam, who has taken *over from Laura Davies* as the world No 1 on the Ping leaderboard, redeemed an uncharacteristically sloppy round with birdies at the last three holes, but Trish Johnson was not pleased after dropping a shot at the last. Her *round of 72 contained four* bogeys and three birdies, with three of the bogeys coming in a rush at the 6th, 7th and 8th.

Davies, the defending champion, wearing black, looked like thunder when she finished with a 74 that put her *on 216, tied for ninth place, six* shots behind Lindley and Chris Johnson. "I can't win," Davies said. "I can't do any*thing the way I'm putting.*"

As promised she dispensed with her Maruman Majesty putter and reinstated the Od*yssey with which she had* won the Standard Register Ping event in March. Three putts at each of the first two holes on Saturday did not suggest a long reign, but it was still in the bag yesterday and Davies will have calculated that she was far from an also-ran.

Lindley, who has yet to win in three years on tour, had missed seven cuts in 11 starts so far this season. She was in unfamiliar territory. Chris Johnson, with seven victories to her name and a consistent season behind her, was likely *to be trickier.*

In Davies's favour was a burst of rain that helped to soften the course, and the *inspiration of Mardi Lunn*, a good friend and fellow big-hitter, who stormed round in 67, four under par, despite dropping *shots at the 1st and* 18th. Lunn then rushed off to telephone her sister, Karen, who won at Tytherington.

LEADERS AFTER THREE ROUNDS (United States unless stated): 210: C Johnson 68, 73, 69; L Lindley 72, 69, 69 212: K Saiki 68, 75, 69; S Steinhauer 68, 71, 73. 213: B Mucha 68, 73, 72. 215: P Johnson (GB) 70, 73, 72; A Sorenstam (Swe) 70, 73, 72; J Dickinson 75, 72, 68. 216: L Davies (GB) 67, 75, 74; D Coe-Jones (Can) 70, 75, 71 217: D Andrews 73, 71, 73. Other scores: 219: H Dobson (GB) 78, 72, 69. 220: K Webb (Aus) 71, 79, 70. 221: C Matthew (GB) 71, 75, 75. 222: C Hj Koch (Swe) 72, 78, 72; K Marshall (GB) 71, 78, 73, D Reid (GB) 74, 75, 73. 223: S Strudwick (GB) 72, 74, 77. 224: M Lunn (Aus) 72, 77, 75; A-M Palli (Fr) 70, 76, 78. 225: H Alfredsson (Swe) 77, 73, 75.

EARLY FINAL SCORES: 281: M Lunn (Aus) 72, 77, 75, 67 294: N Lopez 69, 79, 78, 68. 299: H Alfredsson (Swe) 77, 73, 75, 74 300: A-M Palli (Fr) 70, 76, 78, 76

SPEEDWAY

Hancock sets pace in world battle

FROM TONY HOARE
IN PRAGUE

GREG HANCOCK won the opening world championship *grand prix meeting of the* season — and the second of his career — here on Saturday and Billy Hamill, the defending champion, took second place to give the United States a one-two finish.

Hancock was top scorer in the qualifying heats, with 13 from a possible 15, and Hamill was next in line with 12. But they had to outwit some stiff opposition in the A final from Tomasz Gollob and *Slawomir* Drbik, of Poland.

The flamboyant Hancock's only dropped points of the *Czech Grand Prix* came when he finished second to Gollob in his fourth ride and followed Hamill home in heat 18. *Hancock, 26, who rides* for Coventry in the Elite League, is now five points clear of Hamill in the world title *chase.*

Britain's best offering came from Chris Louis, the Ipswich rider, who grabbed seventh *place.* Mark Loram, of Bradford, was eleventh after finishing third in the C final. There was disappointment, *though, for Simon Wigg,* who will have to sit out the Swedish Grand Prix next month after finishing in fourteenth place.

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MOTOR SPORT

Menu opens up lead in title contest

ALAIN MENU raced further ahead in the *Auto Trader* British touring car championship at Brands Hatch yesterday, but his hopes of scoring *another double* were dashed by James Thompson, the young Honda driver (Mark Fogarty writes).

Menu, of *Switzerland, won* the seventh round of the 24-race series at a canter in his Renault Laguna but, in the next race, he was the victim of an altercation which forced him out of the podium placings.

Yesterday's 38-lap, 46-mile races were the first in the history of the championship to be televised live, and Thompson, 23, who finished second in yesterday's first race, sprinted away from the pole in his Honda Accord to score an unchallenged win in the other event.

However, Menu, runner-up for the past three years, looks in an unassailable position for the drivers' title, having extended his lead to 43 points over Gabriele Tarquini, of Italy.

Menu was robbed of third place in the second race by Anthony Reid, whose efforts to overtake saw them both spin off the track. The Renault driver regained the track in fifth place and was handed fourth by Jason Plato, his team-mate, who virtually stopped to elevate Menu.

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Hollioake's inclusion a welcome gamble

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, applauds the England selectors' decision to give youth its chance

English cricket has always displayed an unhealthy suspicion of teenage talent. By tradition and instinct, selectors have preferred the safety of experience to the gamble on potential, so the inclusion of Ben Hollioake, for the Texaco Trophy internationals against Australia this week, must rank among the most dramatic and welcome for many years.

Hollioake is 19 and, as yet, uncapped by Surrey. Today, however, he will join his elder brother, Adam, in a 15-man party at Headingley. He stands to become the youngest Englishman to play international cricket in recent times and David Graveney, the chairman of selectors responsible, has no doubts about his elevation.

"He is not there just for the ride," Graveney said. "Ben is one of our all-rounders and will compete for a place on that basis. He is a genuine product of our system, having come through the age-group sides, and all the selectors have been impressed by him. He has great natural talent."

While Adam Hollioake, six years the senior brother, is a batsman first and a seam bowler second, Ben is principally a bowler. His forthright batting, however, will be a bonus for England and his brother, now captaining Surrey, has regularly promoted him to No 3 in one-day games this season.

He is, at present, a specialist limited-overs cricketer, not even sure of his county place for championship fixtures, but this is no criticism of his promotion. England are seeking a team to challenge for the 1999 World Cup and the Hollioakes are very much part of the planning.

There has been only one instance this century of brothers appearing in the same England side, Peter and Dick Richardson playing together in the third Test against West Indies at Trent Bridge in 1957. Intriguingly, the two most recent sets of brothers to play separately, Ian and Tony Greig and Chris and Robin Smith, were, like the Hollioakes, born outside England.

ENGLAND ONE-DAY SQUAD

Player	Age	Caps
M A Atherton (Lancs, capt)	29	50
N V Knight (Warwicks)	27	10
A J Stewart (Surrey)	34	87
G P Thorpe (Surrey)	27	38
J P Crawley (Lancs)	25	9
G D Lloyd (Lancs)	27	2
A J Hollioake (Surrey)	25	2
M A Ealham (Kent)	27	2
R D B Croft (Glamorgan)	26	11
P A J DeFreitas (Derbys)	31	101
D Gough (Yorks)	26	35
D W Headley (Kent)	27	2
C E W Silverwood (Yorks)	22	5
A F Giles (Warwicks)	24	0
B C Hollioake (Surrey)	19	0

SERIES DETAILS

First international: Headingley, May 22. Second international: The Oval, May 24. Third international: Lord's, May 25.

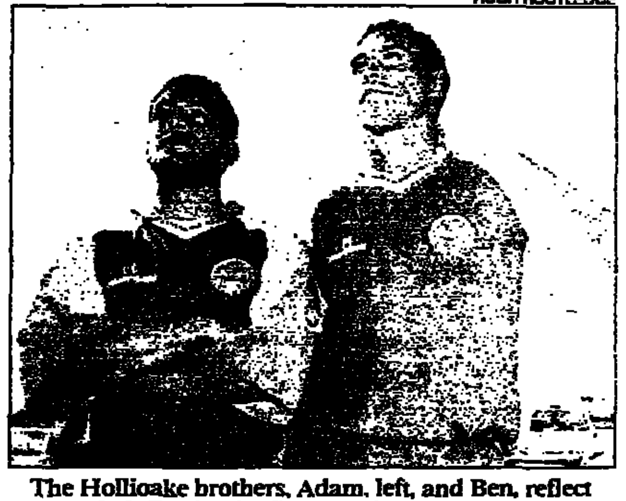
Both Hollioakes were born in the Victorian town of Ballarat, near Melbourne, and Adam was 12 when the family emigrated to England. The boys' father, John, found work here as an engineer but returned to Australia eight years later. Ben went back, too, but stayed only a year until Surrey offered him a contract.

Both boys speak with a pronounced Australian accent but their loyalties are no longer divided. Ben went to Millfield, coincidentally also Graveney's school, and his sporting talent was quickly identified and nurtured. He has played for England from under-14 level upwards and his ambition is readily evident. In this year's edition of *The Cricketer's Who's Who*, he gives his opinion that "youngsters are still not backed enough in the big games". It is a view he may now have to revise gratefully.

Graveney is to take it upon himself to telephone players new to the side — and those who have been left out — after each selection meeting and the youngest newcomer was one of his earliest calls yesterday. "I don't think they rise too early in the Hollioake household and I got a sleepy, grumpy reaction until I identified myself," Graveney said. "Ben is like his brother, a very cool customer, and although he was plainly delighted, he certainly didn't show much emotion."

Ben, who was staying the night with his brother, confirmed the chairman's impression. "Adam just passed the phone, saying the call was for me, and I wasn't really awake. When I realised it was Mr Graveney, I woke up pretty fast," he said.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



The Hollioake brothers, Adam, left, and Ben, reflect on their England call-ups at the Oval yesterday

"It's all a bit of a surprise that it has happened so quickly for me. It's only a couple of years since I was bowling at the Australians in the nets at Perth and feeling totally in awe of them." A rapid call to Perth arranged for the boys' mother, Daria, who is half-Balinese, to fly over for the matches, which begin at Headingley on Thursday.

Graveney explained the selectors' thinking: "We all believe that, if a player is good enough, no matter what his age, we should get him in. I *hope Ben's selection sends out* a message to all young players that age is irrelevant."

If so, it will be the most rousing and effective of messages at the start of an Ashes summer and the start of a new selectorial regime.

Graveney and his two voting colleagues, Mike Gatting and Graham Gooch, met for two hours at Lord's on Saturday evening. Before finalising their thoughts, they conducted a telephone link-up with Old Trafford, where the captain and coach, Michael Atherton and David Lloyd, had the chance to put their opinions. Bob Bennett, chairman of the England management committee, was also present in Manchester in an observing capacity.

Logistical hazards were thus defeated and the outcome was a squad with which few will find serious fault. The notable omissions include Chris Lewis, Graeme Hick and Mark Ramprakash, while John Crawley and Chris Silverwood could be thought surprising inclusions. If a party of 15 is arguably unwieldy for three one-day games, it certainly achieves the desired degree of flexibility.

Dispensing with Lewis was a sensible measure based on his unreliable fitness. "We had been assured he would be fit from today but he has not played much recent cricket and we considered it an unnecessary risk," Graveney said. In Hick's case, he has simply not made enough runs to be seriously considered.

Graveney said the two players that he would be making a particular point of calling were Ramprakash and Chris Adams. "Both of them were built up to think they might be chosen and both have been playing well," he said. "There will be a number of others who are disappointed today, but I shall be getting it across to all of them that the door is not closed."

Crawley was not entirely a form selection, following scores of 0, 2, 0 and 0 in his first four Benson and Hedges Cup games, but Graveney explained: "He is one of our established batsmen and is regarded as our best player of wrist-spin. That was probably the deciding factor."

Philip DeFreitas has lost count of the number of times he has been dropped and *recalled by England but this* latest selection is merited, after a series of impressive early-season spells. Silverwood, probably the spare seam bowler, represents continuity from the winter tour and Ashley Giles, gaining his first senior selection as second spinner to Robert Croft, was a success on the England A tour of Australia last winter. On another day, he might have been making the morning headlines. But Giles is no longer 19.

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EQUESTRIANISM: IRELAND RALLY TOO LATE IN NATIONS CUP EVENT AT WINDSOR

Billington clears way for Britain's success

By Jenny MacArthur

GREAT Britain, bolstered by two stirring clear rounds from Geoff Billington on Virtual Village It's Otto, gained their *third* successive win in the Samsung Nations Cup on the final day of the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday. Ireland, who for a brief moment *looked set for their first win* since 1937, had to settle for second place after rallying too late. Germany, fielding their second team, were third.

"*They were brilliant,*" Ronnie Massarella, the British team manager, pronouced after receiving the Prince of Wales Trophy from the Queen. The win was timely *compensation for the Great* Britain performance at the French Nations Cup, in La Baule a week ago, where, fielding a less experienced team, they failed to reach the second round.

DETAILS

SAMSUNG NATIONS CUP: 1, Great Britain 12.50pts; 2, Ireland 16.75; 3, Germany 24.25; 4, Holland 66.75; 5, Belgium 70.5. British team scores: Virtual Village Showtime (N Skelton) 4 and 4; Virtual Village It's Otto (G Billington) 0 and 0; Senator Tees Hanauer (R Smith) 4.75; Virtual Village Ashley (M Whitaker) 4.50 and 0. Harrods International Driving Grand Prix: Horse teams: 1, Y Chardon (Holl); 2, F Brasseur (Bel); 3, W Ulrich (Switz). Horse pairs: 1, G Bowman Jr (GB); 2, W Bowman Ripley (GB); 3, R Weggelaar (Holl). Single horses: 1, J Bannister (GB); 2, R Fisher (GB), 3, S Garnett (GB). Single pony: 1, M Winder (GB); 2, R Stevens (GB); 3, U Gunther (Germany). Pony pairs: 1, H *Ellrich (Ger); 2, J W Verboom (Holl); 3,* M Sealon (US). Pony teams: 1, E Fieracker (Bel); 2, G Frith (GB); 3, U Hirschberg (GB).

This was the first time the Nations Cup — first held at Olympia in 1909 — had been staged at Windsor. Hickstead, the venue since 1975, cancelled its usual May meeting because of lack of sponsorship, and Windsor, keen to reintroduce international showjumping after a 24-year gap, offered to host the cup.

With the backdrop of Windsor Castle, there could hardly have been a more elegant setting. Frustratingly, though, the arena, which had looked a picture on the opening day with its lush green grass, was reduced to a muddy brown yesterday after heavy rain.

Partly because of the sticky going, the 12-fence course, designed by Bob Ellis, proved more difficult than it first appeared. In the opening round, in which Britain were drawn first, only Billington and Holger Wulschner, of Germany, on Capriol, had clear rounds.

Nick Skelton, the first to go, had four faults on his Olympic mare, Virtual Village Showtime. Robert Smith, who thought his Senator Tees Hanauer was "short of a run", hit the first part of the combination at the twelfth fence and also collected 0.75 time faults. More surprisingly, Michael Whitaker, on the more youthful Virtual Village Ashley, also had time faults and a mistake at the fifth.

Their total score, though, of 8.50 was quickly put in perspective. Holland and Belgium dropped out of contention with 48 and 36 faults respectively.

What Tommy Wade, the Ireland team manager, said to his four riders before the start of the second round proved effective. Their first three riders — Peter Charles, their *European* champion, Tom Slattery and Trevor Coyle — all produced clear rounds, although Charles, on the eight-year-old, Dolly, incurred what would prove an expensive 0.50 time fault. Skelton, for Britain, looked set for a clear round but just rolled the back pole on the final fence. Billington, who produced the only double clear round last year, kept Britain in the hunt with a second clear.

Although the Dutch-bred It's Otto, the winner of the grand prix on Friday night, wastes time with his extravagant jumping, Billington has learnt to cut corners to compensate. "He's got so much scope *I can turn in shorter to a* fence than a lot of the others," he said.

The tension had grown by the time Smith, the third to go *for Britain,* entered the arena. Smith, who won the car for the leading rider of the show, was faultless until the last line when the infamous twelfth fence fell. Ireland now had the coveted trophy in their sights.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Billington, on Virtual Village It's Otto, goes clear for Britain at Windsor yesterday

The excitement was shortlived, however. Eddie *Macken, so often the back*bone of the team in the past, faulted at the third on Fan Schalkhaar, and, knowing that he could not improve the team score (the best three results count) retired. A Great Britain win was now assured but Michael Whitaker extend*ed the lead with a fluent* clear round on Ashley.

Although he did not need to compete in the second round to secure the victory, his *performance counts towards* selection for the Britain team for the European championships in August.

☐ Anna Savage, the Australian cross-country rider, died in hospital in Adelaide yesterday from injuries sustained in a fall during a competition at *the Naracoorte equestrian* trials on Saturday.

FOOTBALL

Di Canio outburst adds to Celtic's troubles

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

SOMETIMES it seems that Celtic are just Middlesbrough minus the cup final appearances. The details differ, but there are the same problems and pleasures that foreign signings can bring. At the moment, the advantages may have slipped Celtic's mind, so great is their anger over the latest salvo of complaints from Paolo Di Canio.

The Italian alleged in an open letter to supporters that a gentleman's agreement, thought to concern taxable benefits, had not been honoured. Indignant over the accusation of impropriety, Fergus McCann, the Celtic chairman, fined the player two weeks' wages, about £24,000. Di Canio is now threatening to *challenge this punishment in* court.

If calm does descend on the supporters, it will be the result of weariness. Their team has no further games to play and the season is meeting its last few obligations. On Saturday, Hibernian beat Airdrie 1-0 in a testy first leg of the relegation play-off. After the return match on Thursday, there is only the Tennents Scottish Cup final and Scotland's build-up to the World Cup qualifying game in Belarus on June 8 to be completed.

Followers of Celtic may have had enough of football, *but one man at the club has* run out of games forever. On Friday, Paul McStay, after 16 years on the staff, announced that recurring problems with a damaged ankle had forced his retirement. The news coincided with the latest outburst from Di Canio and so induced bouts of moralising. One man could be portrayed as a devoted servant, the other as a transient mercenary, but such descriptions are facile.

Although Di Canio may be squabbling over his contract, he gives unstintingly on the field. For him, it is a matter of honour that he should be in a state of near exhaustion at the end of the game. In the 1-0 defeat by Falkirk in the Scottish Cup semi-final, Celtic's main creative force was even sprinting back over 50 yards to make a tackle in the last few moments.

McStay's relationship with the club is naturally deeper. He emulated two great uncles, Willie and Jimmy, when he became the third member of the family to captain Celtic.

Paul was the most gifted footballer of the tribe, but the talent proved a burden, and he has spent his adult life listening to claims that his promise has not been fulfilled. His 73 caps hardly corroborate the notion of a squandered career, but McStay has had his disappointments. His style of play makes him vulnerable to his context for he was, in essence, a team player. Lacking the speed to run past opponents, his game was based on the ability to make space and then to deliver a pass.

McStay's influence was dependent on the talents of the man who received the ball. By 1989, he had winners' medals from three league championships, three Scottish Cups and one League Cup. After being named captain in 1990, he led the club to just one trophy, the 1995 Scottish Cup. Those later years saw Celtic slide towards bankruptcy, before McCann bought control in 1994, and failure often resulted from the poor quality of the players McStay was prompting.

Supporters will think warmly of him, but it is a distortion to pretend that he stood aloof from the modern trends of football. McStay was willing to leave the club in 1992 and remained mainly because Celtic gave him an excellent deal. Recently, he was annoyed by the offer of a new contract in which income, given his uncertain fitness, would have been dependent on appearances and again he seemed ready to depart, with reports that he would join Leeds United or Metz.

There was nothing improper in his conduct, but it would be wrong to think that it is only foreign signings who present a chairman with tricky decisions. In the days to come, clubs may learn to cope with player power, but they will never vanquish it.

Woking win battle to prove cup pedigree

Dagenham and Red 0
Woking 1
(after extra time)

By Walter Gammie

IT WAS mighty hard work but Woking, the Vauxhall Conference club, enhanced their standing as non-League football's cup kings of the Nineties by winning the FA Umbro Trophy for the third time in four years before an enthusiastic crowd of 24,376 at Wembley yesterday.

The winning goal was scored in the tenth minute of extra time by Darran Hay, a resounding far-post header from a corner by Clive Walker. It finally broke the stubborn resistance of a Dagenham and Redbridge side that *had* been *rendered* all the more gallant for having stuck to their task with only ten men after the sending-off of Tony Rogers in the 63rd minute.

Rogers, the Icis League side's veteran striker, was dismissed after tangling with Robin Taylor on the touchline, wrestling him to the ground in an arm lock as they challenged for an innocuous ball. Rogers was shoved by Foster, the Woking defender, who, in the first half, had been *treated* for the effects of an elbow in his face from the forward. Pratt joined in and all but five of the players flocked to skirmish briefly.

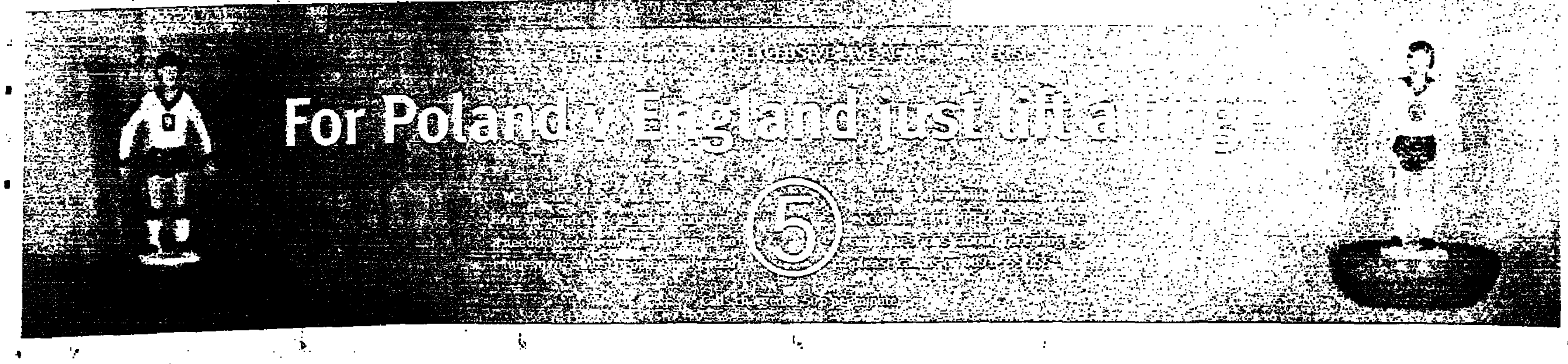
Geoff Chapple, the Woking manager, believed the sending-off paved the way for victory. "When you are down to ten men on this pitch, you're going to struggle. It's very energy-sapping out there. What we had to do then was to use our brains and keep the ball. I thought we did it pretty well," he said.

Cracks at last appeared in the Dagenham rearguard and it was left to the magnificent goalkeeping of Gothard to keep Woking at bay. He twice tipped over from Walker and superbly blocked a shot from Taylor, let in by a slip from Culverhouse, and maintained his defiance in extra time, pushing the ball away at full *stretch from Hay to set up the* fateful corner. Walker found the height to beat Creaser's leap and Hay, a scorer in Woking's first Trophy triumph over Runcorn in 1994, emphatically doubled his Wembley goal tally.

DAGENHAM AND REDBRIDGE (3-2-3-2): P Gothard — D Culverhouse, S Conner, G Creaser — D Jacques (sub: L Double, 75min), C Davidson — D Pratt (sub: C Naylor, 81), D Parratt, J Broom — A Rogers, J Stimson (sub: V John, 65)

WOKING (3-4-1-2): L Batty — K Brown, T Howard, S Foster — S Wye, S Thompson (sub: T Jones, 115), A Ellis, R Taylor — S Steele (sub: L Wye, 108) — C Walker, J Jackson (sub: D Hay, 77)

Referee: J Winter



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Last stop for season's lost causes

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking and Screaming

The booing of the Duke and Duchess of Kent was the bit that worried me on Saturday. "I had no idea the North East was so anti-monarchist," I yelled to my companion in *Wembley Stadium's* Olympic Gallery, as below us 35,000 Middlesbrough fans booed, hissed and whistled at ear-splitting volume.

What grudge could this lot possibly hold against the Kents? I racked my brains. Personally, I was once held up at a hairdresser's by a flying visit from the Duchess, but good grief, I forgave her. In any case, it is hard to believe that any one woman, however well coiffed, could pull the same me-first trick on the entire population of Middlesbrough.

All soon became clear, however, when they started chanting "Three points! Three points! Three points!" Ah-ha. Their odium was directed at *the big chap from the FA, and* not the Kents at all. This was a political demonstration, a demand for justice, and as such almost as uncalled-for as the booing of defenceless nobs.

Middlesbrough really believe they should get their three points back, you see. But *it won't wash. In 1752* (as we all recall), something similar happened when the calendar was changed — Britain went to bed on September 2, and woke up on the fourteenth. Suspecting a dastardly cheat, the populace ran about yelling "Give us back our eleven days!" Well, the three-points cause looks as futile as that one, to me.

But to the match, the match! What a fab opening goal, eh? Any player who wears his socks over his knees in that splendid medieval fashion is obviously a chap with imaginative gifts. Poses for stained-glass windows in his spare time, that man. But it helped Di Matteo find the space for that first goal, I think, that the infuriating Emerson was playing his missing-the-bus football, of which there has been far too much recently.

What happens, you see, is that Emerson accelerates ("Wait for me!"), then realises that the bus is about to draw away ("Ding! Ding!"), and *instantly gives up*, with a petulant gesture. It is as if he hears that "Ding! Ding!" in his head, truly. Emerson missed the bus right at the beginning, when the ball was passed across him to Di Matteo, which is why I mention it. (I also mention it because, presumably, he won't be playing in England any more.)

Everyone is saying it was not a great Cup Final, but in terms of the team-skills on show, it was certainly absorbing. And in terms of the result, obviously, it was more than satisfactory. A smile from Ruud Gullit is hard-won these days, and, on the final whistle on Saturday, we got beams of joy, positive beams.

But, while his team celebrated wildly with body surfs on the pitch, and Zola clowned for the adoring crowd, Gullit still held back modestly in his dark suit, watching pensively from a distance. Was this just force of habit? I watched him through binoculars, and he obligingly struck that dark, still, thrilling romantic attitude which may simply disguise a bout of indigestion, but which looks impressively like, dammit, he is having thoughts that lie too deep for tears again.

The man sitting to my left never quite entered the spirit of the occasion, and I will admit I was concerned on his behalf. He was young and Australian, and had paid a tout £400 for his ticket, so you would think he would have made the most of it. But it was hard work maintaining his enthusiasm. "Royal Marines!" I said, encouragingly, pointing. "Top military band. A real privilege. *Cliff Richard, look. Sir Cliff.*" It was important to me, you see, that he got his money's worth, even though, technically, his payment of £400 for a ticket was not my fault at all.

But, as he had never heard the tune of *Land of Hope and Glory* before, I'm afraid I gave up, and left him to his own devices. Two very aggressive and foul-mouthed Middlesbrough fans in the row behind made a point of intimidating him (they scared the daylights out of me), and he left very promptly at the close of play.

'A smile from Gullit is hard won and we got positive beams'

But his situation affected my feelings towards the match, because I could never believe it was worth £400 of this man's money. "Give us another goal!" I wanted to yell throughout the scoreless wastes after Di Matteo's opener. "This man only works in a pub!"

Is this the end of the season now? I suppose it is. I have never experienced the end of a season before. Despite the glorious antics of the winners on Saturday (and didn't they look *handsome*?) there seems a lack of ceremony about the way it all screeches to a standstill. Are there no formal goodbyes for all those foreigners who this week (presumably) go home in disgrace, or flounce off in high dudgeon, or limp off in a beany-hat? Juninho said on *Match of the Day* that he must do what's best for his ka-hear (career), and everybody accepts that. We wish his career all the best, and understand perfectly that it is a separate entity in its own right. As for Emerson, however, we have but one message: Hey, Emerson, don't miss the bus this time, ha ha ha!

Meanwhile, most of those happy foreigners at Chelsea look safe and sound, which is nice. Leboeuf should let his hair grow back. Petrescu should realise how cute he is. And Vialli should cheer up, because (as we all know) Dennis Wise loves him. I particularly love the way *Zola's* kit hangs quite differently from everyone else's, reminiscent of being the one kid at school whose mum optimistically made the school uniform from approximately the right material to approximately the right pattern, and did not get away with it.

On a personal note, I cannot help thinking that, a year ago, Zola was the author of *Germinal*, Emerson an impenetrable American philosopher, Newton the greatest scientist of all time, and Hughes the poet laureate. So, a lot can happen to a girl's perceptions in a year. *When Jimmy Hill said* on the BBC's coverage that it was nice to see Ruud Gullit well-dressed for once, I found myself gasping, "And what on earth do you know about that?" Oh dear. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

MARC ASPLAND

Middlesbrough fans show their anger at the loss of three points deducted by the FA, in a protest that soured the opening ceremonies at Wembley

Emerson takes a slow walk into ignominy

STEVE McMANAMAN

on the sad tale of two Brazilians

After watching the FA Cup Final on Saturday, my overwhelming feeling was one of sympathy for Middlesbrough. I don't know what they have done to upset the Gods, but it must have been serious because the fates have conspired against them spectacularly this season.

After all they have been through you would expect them to get a break. Not a bit of it. Everything that could possibly have gone wrong in the Cup Final did go wrong — and then went wrong even more.

I am sure that, after the disappointment of relegation, and the inquest into that, Bryan Robson was drilling into his side the absolute necessity to get off to a steady, assured start. I can hear his pre-match talk now: "Keep it tight, keep the ball." What a calamity, then, to concede a poor goal as early as they did.

Football is as much mental as it is physical, and it is impossible to exaggerate the trauma of relegation. It would have had a dramatic impact on the confidence of the Middlesbrough players. However much they attempted to repair the damage in *midweek*, it would have all gone out of the window as soon as that goal went in.

I bet there were plenty of Middlesbrough players who started to think then that it would not be their day. That feeling would have been magnified when first Ravanelli and then Mustoe went off injured.

Even after such a disastrous start, things still contrived to get worse for Middlesbrough. *Match of the Day* cameras showed that Festa should have received the benefit of the doubt when he scored just before half-time. Instead, an over-eager linesman ruled offside. It was never going to be Middlesbrough's day.

Of course bad luck was not the only reason for *their* downfall. Chelsea's tactics played their part, and they appeared stronger, and more solid, in the areas that mattered. They were disciplined at the back, and powerful too. Their game-plan appeared to be centred around strangling the creative life out of Juninho and Emerson, and it worked because they took an early control of the midfield.

Middlesbrough lacked penetration because they persisted with a single forward and little support. That played into Chelsea's *hands given that* they were prepared to close the game down as soon as they had scored their goal. I was surprised that, even in the last 15 or 20 minutes, Middlesbrough did not throw another man forward. So much at stake and nothing to lose by that stage. It was hardly a gamble.

My sympathy after the game went out to Juninho, *who gave absolutely* everything, even though it was clear that things were going against him. He never stopped trying, but he really needed to be in two places at once. He kept going forward, in order to offer a threat up front, but Middlesbrough also needed *his passing in* midfield to provide the opportunities in the first place. This is where I would have to lay some of the blame at Emerson's feet, because he was culpable in the lack of presence exercised by the Middlesbrough midfield.

He never really got into the game, and appeared to spend much of the time strolling around. Given *that it was*, possibly, his last match for the club then you would have expected him to have been a little more committed. Because he was not providing the service for Juninho, his side always lacked a cutting edge, and, worse, it was possible to point the finger at the midfield for both of the Chelsea goals.

For the first, they ambled back and never got near enough to *Di Matteo* to make a challenge. For the second, Emerson lost the ball in midfield and they all stood and *watched instead* of chasing back.

Middlesbrough will lose players during the summer, and what they must do now is regroup quickly and bring in the sort of players who will provide a positive note in the first division. After the massive *disappointment of this* season, it would be easy for them to wallow for the next couple of years. For the sake of Bryan Robson, who is a thoroughly decent man and manager, I hope that they can avoid such a fate.

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Juninho first to cry tears for Middlesbrough fears

David Maddock sees the emotions of a big occasion overflow before and after the match

BLUE Is The Colour thumped out of the Wembley Tannoy as Chelsea embarked on their extended celebrations after securing their second FA Cup *Final victory. More appropri*ate may have been *Cry Me A River*, given the propensity for tears at the famous old stadium.

They flowed faster than at a Gascoigne family get-together. It started even before the match kicked off, when an emotional Steve Gibson, the Middlesbrough chairman, shed tears at the rousing reception he got from his club's supporters on arriving at the ground.

Frank Leboeuf, the Chelsea defender, did likewise as he experienced the electric atmosphere during the warm-up *for the first time*; Fabrizio Ravanelli cried in frustration as injury forced him to leave the field early, and buckets flowed at the end on both sides as the realisation of the result dawned.

Most pertinent of all, however, were the the tears that trickled down the face of Juninho, not at Wembley, but at Elland Road the previous Sunday. Speaking after a painful Cup Final experience, *he said it was a week ago that* he realised what Middlesbrough had lost.

Despite a driving, irrepressible personal performance, Juninho felt that Chelsea had secured victory even before the game kicked off. "I cried not just for relegation, but for the *effect it would have*," *he said*. "The things that happened when we were relegated affected the team at Wembley. We could not expect to play well after all that has happened — our concentration was not right coming into the final and it came at a very bad time."

The Brazilian cried, too, because he knew that he would be forced to leave Middlesbrough, despite a genuine affection for the club. The defeat on Saturday capped what he described as "the worst season of my life", and Juninho finally admitted that he would be leaving Teesside.

"The most important thing for my career now is to be in *the Brazilian squad*," he said. "I must do the best thing for me to get into the squad, and I'm sorry for Middlesbrough but I don't think playing in the first division will get me that place."

Ravanelli feels the pain

If Middlesbrough will now be forced, in the words of their captain, Nigel Pearson, to "face up to the reality of the situation that players will be *leaving, and a new beginning* must get under way", then Chelsea can suspend reality to dream of greater glory to come. There was a consensus among the players on Saturday that the Cup Final could be used as a foundation from which to project the club into the elite of English football.

That sentiment was voiced by Mark Hughes, the forward who now has a record four FA Cup winners' medals. He played in the Manchester United side that won the Cup in 1990, and he senses a similar pattern developing.

"It seems the same to me as *the first time we won the Cup* at United under Alex Ferguson," he said. "We went on from there and never stopped winning things to become the best team in England. We must not let this opportunity go at Chelsea. There is the chance to do the same thing here and, if we can keep improving, keep getting quality players, then we really can do the same."

It was with misty eyes that *he offered his thoughts, and* soon the tears flowed once more, as Gianfranco Zola spoke of his gushing emotion at lifting the Cup. "It is one of the best moments of my career," he said.

"This game is such an important one — the most important anywhere, and it is quite unbelievable the pressure that has built up over the last week. It is such a special moment for me, and I'm proud to be here in England." For Zola, the river of tears runs blue.

Robson misses the point in dignified performance

Oliver Holt believes the Middlesbrough manager is wrong to blame the FA for his team's relegation

BRYAN ROBSON, the Middlesbrough manager, has gained a great deal of unwanted practice at being dignified in defeat in the past few weeks. *On Saturday, an hour after* the last vestige of achievement had been ripped from his team, he gave a command performance.

He must have been close to breaking point after a month in which Middlesbrough succumbed to the underdogs, Leicester City, in the Coca-Cola Cup final, slithered to the disaster of relegation and then saw the final chance of redemption ripped away from them by Chelsea.

Outside, in the stadium corridors, there was anger amid the grieving of the Middlesbrough fans. Seething, *it raced around* with the thousands of departing fans, searching for any scapegoats it could find.

It alighted first on the executives of the Football Association, Keith Wiseman and Graham Kelly, mistakenly blaming them for the FA Premier League decision to dock Middlesbrough three points for failing to fulfil the fixture with Blackburn Rovers on December 21, which was the defining moment of their season. Then it turned to the *media*.

Robson exhibited a few telltale signs of the bitterness welling up inside him before, when he was asked if he had any regrets, *whether he would* still lavish the sums he had on Ravanelli, Juninho, Emerson and Festa if he could be given a chance to start again, fighting to keep his control, he bit back. "Everyone keeps knocking the foreign lads," *he said*, "but it is amazing how everyone wants to buy them. I made mistakes because we got relegated and I will try to assess the season and see where it has gone wrong.

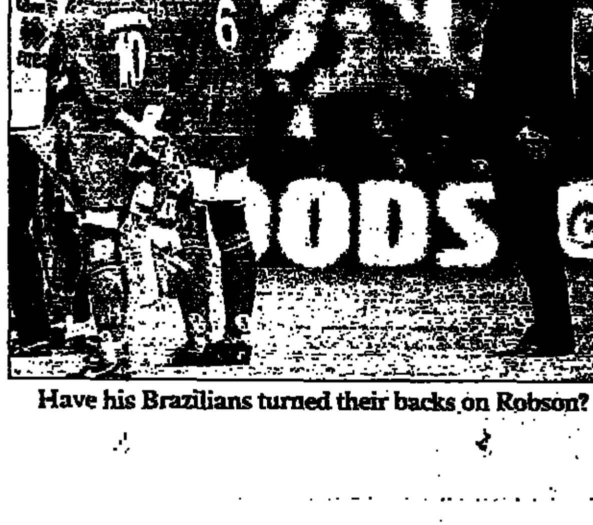
"The season has really been disappointing only because of the relegation. Losing in both finals was a disappointment, of course, but it was an achievement to get to them in the first place. If we had got another couple of *points* to keep us safe, people would have said what a tremendous season we had had."

It has been impossible not to *admire* Robson *for his* stoicism in the face of so much adversity, but, equally, it was hard to agree with him when he was asked just what had gone wrong with Middlesbrough's season. The reply was: "Three points."

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the Premier League's decision to dock those points — and few inside the game have argued against it — to suggest that finishing *on the* cusp of relegation having spent so lavishly would have been acceptable is stretching credibility.

Robson's failure was his inability to provide a competent supporting cast for the skeleton of superstars he bought, his willingness to *surround* them instead with Nationwide League journeymen.

That failure had nothing to do with the Premier League and cannot be blamed on the imagined jealousies of a southern-based media. If they learn that lesson and prosper because of it, Middlesbrough will be welcomed back into the FA Carling Premiership with open arms.



Have his Brazilians turned their backs on Robson?

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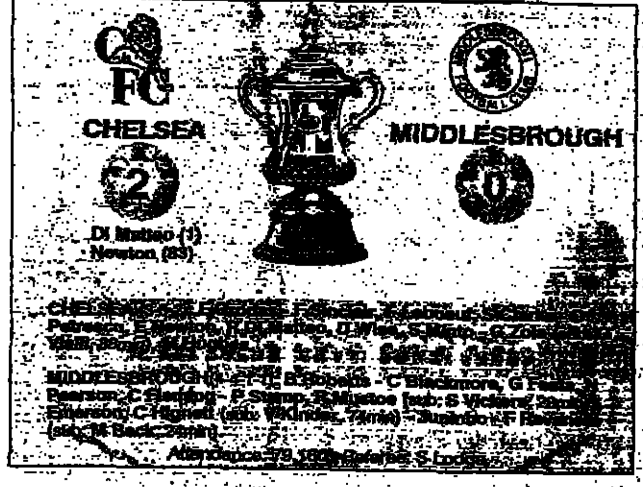
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MIDDLESBROUGH [illegible]: B Roberts - C Blackmore, G Festa [illegible] Pearson, C Fleming - P Stamp, R Mustoe (sub: S Vickers [illegible]) Emerson, C Hignett (sub: M Kinder, 74min) - Juninho - F Ravanelli (sub: M Beck, 24min)
Attendance: 79,160. Referee: S Lodge

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Rhapsody in blue: Di Matteo strikes the fastest goal in an FA Cup Final at Wembley before, below, launching into a running celebration with Zola, his Italian compatriot

BY OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GIANLUCA VIALLI had begged for five minutes, but Ruud Gullit gave him two. The Chelsea player-manager used the Italian's late entrance like a secret sign, a sort of footballing masonic handshake, to let the faithful know that, after 27 years of waiting for a major trophy, the celebrations at the end of the 116th FA Cup Final could begin.

It was a romantic touch, a bit like Enzo Bearzot's sentimental sop to Franco Causio in the dying minutes of the 1982 World Cup final, a backwards nod to the flawed Chelsea tradition of Hudson, Osgood and Cooke, the flair players who were in their pomp when the Cup last came to the Fulham Road in 1970.

Gianfranco Zola, the creator of the decisive second goal, the man who has done so much to inspire Chelsea this season, bowed in mock homage to Vialli as he made way for him. Vialli, a bit-part player since his compatriot arrived in west London, bowed back and sprinted on to the Wembley pitch for a brief taste of glory.

Gullit: Cup romance

Zola punched the air with the delight of a man who has just volleyed a winner as he walked to the bench, and, a few hastily constructed moves later, it was all over. The blue, white and yellow sections of the ground to the right of the royal box erupted in flag-waving euphoria.

They exorcised the best part of three decades of frustration in the next 45 minutes as the players complemented Roberto Di Matteo's fastest goal in an FA Cup Final at Wembley with one of the slowest laps of honour.

There was the traditional picture in front of the huge phalanx of photographers, there was the donning of scarves and hats thrown from the stands. And, as a finale, the whole squad linked hands across the pitch and ran from the halfway line to the goalmouth before hurling themselves on to the floor.

Eventually, sated, they made their triumphal way back to the dressing-room to start again in private and spray champagne. "It's the yeti," Dennis Wise, the captain, yelled as Gullit walked in with the Cup and the player-manager just smiled.

The difference, perhaps, between this triumph and the replay victory over Leeds United in 1970 was that, this time, there is the promise of lasting success to come. The Cup Winners' Cup, as it was in 1971, should be well within Chelsea's reach now that the Champions' League automatically takes the top two teams from each country.

In the long-term, too, the future looks bright. Ken Bates, the chairman, has at last established a solid, money-spinning infrastructure at Stamford Bridge that will allow Chelsea to match Manchester United and Newcastle United in the transfer market.

To complement that, Gullit has imposed his will on the club and established a squad system that brooks no dissent. Unlike Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, who was undone by the unreliability and personality weaknesses of men such as Emerson and Fabrizio Ravanelli, the Dutchman bought players with character as a criterion as much as talent.

It is that, coupled with greater strength in depth, greater quality among the British-born players, that made Chelsea a success as a home for the foreign legion this season and Middlesbrough a failure.

On Saturday it was like watching vultures circling carrion. Chelsea picked the rotting meat off the bones of a Middlesbrough team that had collapsed from exhaustion and the long suffering of what they believe was a season of victimisation and died from the trauma of relegation.

After the month they have had, the writing was on the wall long before Di Matteo ran on to Wise's pass just inside his own half with the game only seconds old, and, aided by the fine diversionary run of Hughes, advanced to within 25 yards of the goal before sending his fierce drive dipping over Roberts.

Just 42 seconds had elapsed, beating the Wembley record established by Jackie Milburn, of Newcastle United, when he headed his team's opening goal against Manchester City in 1955 after 45 seconds. Poor Middlesbrough. The match that was to have been their consolation amid the tears was over almost before it had begun.

For the first 20 minutes, Chelsea were so dominant that it seemed Middlesbrough would be overrun. Di Matteo, largely overlooked in the pre-match obsession with Zola and Juninho, was everywhere, clipping a delicate ball through to Minto with the outside of his right foot, which the left wing back should have converted, then playing another pass to Petrescu that resulted in the Romanian's chip being headed off the line by Pearson.

By then, Ravanelli had limped off with a recurrence of the hamstring injury that ruled him out of Middlesbrough's relegation run-in and Mustoe had fallen victim to a twisted knee. Even Juninho was a shadow of the genius he is.

For a while, Middlesbrough were in disarray, Juninho almost apoplectic over the delay in bringing on Vickers for Mustoe, Fleming tripping over the ball to cede Chelsea a corner, Emerson overhitting a pass absurdly when Juninho had sprinted into space.

To their credit, they forced their way back into the game when Chelsea relaxed and Festa had a legitimate header ruled out for offside on the stroke of half-time. Juninho might have scored at the start of the second half, too, had he not been hacked down by Di Matteo on the edge of the Chelsea penalty area and Festa went close again 20 minutes into the second half.

As time began to run out, Juninho slipped a free kick through to Vickers, but his shot was blocked by Grodas, and, seven minutes from time, Chelsea administered the *coup de grâce*. Petrescu chipped a cross to the back post, Zola, who had had a quiet game, leapt into the air to back-heel it to the edge of the six-yard box and Newton forced it in.

At the end, the media fêted Hughes, the first player this century to claim four FA Cup winner's medals. "Will that influence your contract talks?" someone asked. "Not really," Hughes said, "because I signed it yesterday."

Gullit translates talent into triumph

ROB HUGHES

At Wembley

Long after the dressing-rooms had emptied, Juninho and Gianfranco Zola, two players whose flair has transcended the English season, briefly embraced in the Wembley tunnel. "I congratulate you," Juninho said to Zola. "For your composure and your passing, you deserve to win the Cup."

With that they parted, Zola to the certainty that Chelsea have reinvigorated his standing in the Italy team, Juninho convinced that he must find another club because Middlesbrough cannot now help him to be a part of Brazil's defence of the World Cup next year.

Two men, standing almost equal at 5ft 4in, rated the most skilful in their adopted homeland. Two men who, though the 116th FA Cup Final was never the most fluent nor dynamic, are a part of the globalisation of football in the mother country. The difference in their fortunes this past nine months, the heady success for Chelsea and the triple despair on Teesside, prove that talents can be imported, but *harmony* has to be created from within.

In short, Ruud Gullit, a player of the modern world, knew the backgrounds, the cultures, the temperaments of all the players that he purchased on Chelsea's behalf. Bryan Robson, the doughty English warrior, chose talents from another world and, alas, seemed unable to integrate their skills into the physical and mental demands of the English game. Unkind as that may sound, kicking Robson when he is down, it is difficult to dispute. This cup final, containing more foreigners than Englishmen, was a tribute to Gullit.

The first foreign coach to win a significant domestic prize for an English team, he is a complex character. He admitted he was emotionally empty, completely drained by the build-up to Wembley.

Gullit, sometimes visited by self-doubt and vulnerability, had Ted Troost, his personal mentor, sitting behind him on the bench at Wembley. Indeed Troost, a practitioner of *haptomonie*, which combines meditation with psychology, has been in the background at Chelsea throughout Gullit's first year as player-coach. He was brought into the dressing-room to work with the players before the semi-final, and was a hidden but important part of the preparations for the final.

It is part of the humility of Gullit that, though he is able to speak his mind in each of the tongues of his imports, he seeks every advantage to assist in the bonding of his team.

In that same tunnel where Juninho and Zola had embraced, Gullit and Troost stood side by side. "I asked Ted to speak to the players for the semi-final," Gullit said. "The reaction with the group, working on communication and dealing with stress, was good.

"I didn't want Ted to help with the physical side, because the staff that we have [including this season the sprinter, Ade Mafe, as fitness adviser] was good enough. But, as I saw the final come closer and closer, I wondered how we would deal with being made favourites.

"I remembered that Barcelona were favourites when I was at Milan, and we beat them 4-0. On the other hand, I was a part of Milan when we started favourites, and beat Bucharest, also 4-0."

It actually goes back further, to moments in the 1988 European championship when Gullit, and Marco Van Basten, benefited from the counselling of Troost. "We were like Formula One cars, and Ted was our mechanic," was how Van Basten put it. Last year, Troost also advised Richard Krajicek, the Wimbledon tennis champion.

Gullit had already observed that bringing in foreigners was a two-way process. "The foreigners gave another view of what it is to be professional," Gullit said on Saturday. "But also the foreigners learnt from the English players."

As he spoke, Robson, defeated and contemplating the options of selling Juninho, Ravanelli and Emerson, passed by. A manager with the trauma, the obligation, of disassembling what he had attempted to build, with little option but to retrench around dependable British souls who might, with effort and luck, bring Middlesbrough back to the FA Carling Premiership.

Robson sat, silent and forlorn, through Wembley's humid and, for him, dark hour. Gullit, slightly out of character, had been on his feet before half-time, shouting to players too distant to hear. "They were playing the ball backwards. I wanted them to control the game by going forwards. It was a matter of attitude."

Indeed, and Troost, the man who had become his sounding board on attitude, concluded: "This has been my first experience in England. I knew that here there is much stress on the physical, but I tried to speak with the players, to ask them to be more relaxed. You can do this best if you save something of your energy ... and, even among the English, I found that they were open to dialogue on this."

Dialogue, in very nearly a dozen languages, lay behind the winning of the Cup. It already seems so long ago that Graham Taylor was pilloried at Wembley for introducing John Gardner as a psychologist to the England national side.

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CRICKET

Faulty appliance short-circuits Lancashire drive

ALAN LEE

Championship Commentary

WHAT can be made of Lancashire? There is no more distinguished playing staff in the country, fully international except for a wicketkeeper and spin bowler, yet a season of which they have high expectations has begun appallingly. Already out of the Benson and Hedges Cup, which they held, they find themselves bottom of the county championship.

It is, of course, only spring. There is ample time for the club, the biggest in the country, to mock such a start and achieve great things. Just as Manchester United disdained the inquisitive and sensationalised reaction to a few defeats early in the football season, so the other Old Trafford is unlikely to be staging crisis meetings just yet.

Conversely, if there is no anxiety in the minds of those who run the Lancashire side, they are failing in their jobs, for they are, in many respects, the Manchester United of cricket, with the stage, the following and the playing and financial resources to be a dominant force. At present, they seem incapable of it.

It is one thing to have relinquished their hold on the least important of the domestic trophies, a tournament that distorts and damages the season. It is quite another to be underachieving yet again in the serious environment of the championship, to which, very properly and publicly, they have directed their priorities this season.

Lancashire are not proud of the 63-year gap since their last outright championship win. They are not unaware of the belief that they have recently lacked the desire and organisation to do much about it. This summer, they said, would be different. To advertise the fact, they posted their championship ambitions on every members' missive and noticeboard.

So far, it seems nothing but paper talk. Certainly, with this admirable intention advertised, it is somewhat galling to have begun the term misfiring in two fixtures they would have hand-picked as gentle "nets" — at home to Durham and Nottinghamshire, respectively eighteenth and seventeenth in the table last season.

The weather ruined their prospects against Durham but, on Saturday, they were beaten by a Nottinghamshire side for whom, a week ago, this column was forecasting a long wait for any kind of victory. It was the sort of game that ought to have been a mismatch — Lancashire at full strength, with their eight England players and the great Wasim Akram, Nottinghamshire deprived by injury of the only two Test players on their books. Yet the visitors won by six wickets, their first success since last June.

One could say Lancashire were condemned by losing the toss on a pitch described by Michael Atherton as "emerald green". It would not be true, though, because they overcame the handicap several times and asserted a measure of control. On Friday, however, they batted rashly, in hasty one-day mode, and then suffered on the final day for a lack of specialist spin bowling.

Lancashire, and Dav Whatmore, their new, Australian coach, must know that things will become more difficult from now on, as England duties weaken them. It is not a reassuring thought. Of greater concern, however, is that this potentially mighty team evidently has yet to absorb the rudiments of successful four-day cricket. They lack application, resolution, perhaps even enthusiasm for the long grind. Whatmore has a job to do to put that right.

All credit, meanwhile, to Nottinghamshire, for whom this has been a week of considerable achievement. Their grand plans for Trent Bridge will come to fruition rapidly, thanks to National Lottery funding, and they have calmed fears about their playing strength with a significant victory.

Paul Johnson will be the most relieved cricketer in the land, not only because he is captain of this visibly frail vessel but because his own contribution with the bat had been so inadequate for so long. This week, he made half-centuries in each innings and was only upstaged by one of the young talents that seemed in danger of regressing in a struggling side.

Usman Afzaal was introduced, two years ago, as a left-arm spinner of great potential. Latterly, he became a batsman but now, still not yet 20, he is performing both roles with promise. Against Lancashire, he made 70 and 77, both unbeaten, and took three wickets in the Friday collapse.

Nottinghamshire sit fourth in the embryonic championship table. One of the sides above them is Leicestershire, the champions having secured their first win of the season at Southampton on Saturday. It did not come without a few flutters, however, and the fact that they required a century from their No 9, David Millns, to overcome Hampshire is not a compelling recommendation of form.

Gloucestershire's presence at the top may be brief but should nonetheless be enjoyed. Under Mark Alleyne, one of those cricketers who was a promising youngster for so long that few noticed he was almost 30, their cricket has been focused and organised. Their demolition of Surrey, within three days, may ultimately be recalled as one of the performances of the season.

More interesting, long-term, is the sight of Glamorgan in second place. Rain robbed them of almost certain victory over Warwickshire in the opening round, then interfered with a dominant position at Headingley in the second. An away game at Kent completed a forbidding start to their fixture programme, yet they controlled that one, too, and at last the weather relented.

Robert Croft and Dean Cosker, likely to become one of the most effective spin pairings this summer, prised out Kent on Saturday before Waqar Younis did one of the jobs for which he was acquired and blasted away the tail. Glamorgan are beginning to look serious contenders — but then, as Lancashire will be telling themselves this morning, it is very early days.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Gloucs (13)	3	2	0	1	9	12	56
Glamorgan (10)	3	1	0	2	9	12	43
Leics (1)	3	1	0	2	8	12	40
Notts (17)	3	1	0	2	2	10	34
Middlesex (9)	2	1	0	1	4	8	31
Somerset (11)	3	0	0	3	10	11	30
Essex (5)	2	1	0	1	2	8	29
Sussex (12)	3	0	0	3	5	10	24
Durham (18)	3	0	1	2	6	12	24
Warwicks (8)	2	1	0	1	0	4	23
Hampshire (14)	3	0	2	1	5	11	19
Derbyshire (2)	3	0	1	2	1	12	19
Surrey (3)	3	0	1	2	3	8	17
Worcs (7)	2	0	0	2	6	5	17
Northants (16)	2	0	0	2	3	7	16
Kent (4)	2	0	1	1	2	8	13
Yorkshire (6)	2	0	1	1	2	8	13
Lancashire (15)	2	0	1	1	4	6	13

(Last year's positions in brackets)

ADRIAN MURRELL

Taylor is on the receiving end of a short ball at the County Ground but was rarely troubled on his way to making a score of 76

Taylor gets hang of confidence trick

The Australia captain has been plagued by doubts about his form. **Simon Barnes** sees the chance to reinforce them missed

I am going to make a million. I am going to write a self-help manual that really works. I shall call it *The Northamptonshire Method: An Easy Way to Overcome Personal Crisis*. The follow-up is already under preparation: *Bonding, Group Dynamics and the Northamptonshire Method*.

Rocky businesses will flock to me for personal tuititon. Beleaguered chairmen will be my speciality. Will Carling himself will come to me for advice. "No one believes in me any more, Simon. I begin to doubt myself. My sure touch on big decisions has deserted me. What shall I do?"

And I will answer: "Go to Northampton. Before the day is out, you will be a new man. No longer will you be walking about dejected, putting on a good show, prone to moments of despair when at last you are alone. By mid-afternoon, you will be grinning and making jokes, the day will brighten and you will shine like the sun. One visit to Northampton sets all to rights."

Some people might find this hard to believe, but I saw it happen. Mark Taylor arrived in Northampton a man in crisis. The Australia captain could smell the beginning of the end. He was seriously considering dropping himself from the one-day series against England, which starts on Thursday at Headingley.

It is a crisis of some magnititude. Taylor has been a wonderful captain. He has won Test matches, he has established Australia as Top Nation. He has made Australia the precise opposite of England: a team that has been sunny in relationships with the media and the countries through which it travels while playing hard, bold, imaginative and victorious cricket.

But the cloud on the horizon grew bigger and blacker as it came closer. At first, it hung only over the head of Taylor, as if he were Charlie Brown in Peanuts. But the personal crisis of a leader soon becomes the fatal flaw of a team. Doubt about the back foot and the off stump becomes self-doubt about changing the bowling and placing the field.

So Taylor came to Northampton and found that his personal cloud had enveloped the entire city. The game began with a cloud level of zero feet, and Taylor elected to bat on a pitch that would clearly do a bit.

That on its own was a bold decision, certainly one that refused to put his own crisis of batting form — and he is an opener, remember — before the tactical demands of a team game. Except that a good team requires a captain with serene confidence in his own game ... this is an argument that can chase itself around your head forever. Taylor made his choice and marched out to bat.

He ended up top-scorer of the day with 76 runs. It was, to be frank, a pretty poor innings, full of false shots and streaky runs. But who cares? Not Taylor, judging by his on-field frisking as the sun came out briefly during the Northamptonshire reply.

It was an innings that convinced no one except perhaps Taylor, but then he is the only one that matters. Form is more a matter of belief than technicalities. Lord's had begged the counties to give the Aussies a hard time. Northamptonshire probed Australia's one weak spot, and went a good way towards healing it.

A closer analysis of Taylor's knock would reveal that he was very good at playing the bad balls, and rather bad at playing the good ones. A glance at his figures tells you that there were rather a lot of bad balls.

He batted for 158 minutes. Every serious batsman knows that ten minutes' match batting is more useful than an hour in the nets. Crease-time was visibly healing the most gaping of Taylor's wounds.

He faced 126 balls, and hit six fours. He reached his 50 with a horrific edged four through the absent first slip, which summed up the day, more or less. Australia, more or less incidentally, won the match after rain fell and the dreaded Duckworth-Lewis calculation came into force.

> 'He was presented not with a wild buck to kill but a tethered goat'

This summer is seen as a cakewalk for the Australians. "Playing the beleaguered Poms is cheap and unfulfilling," Malcolm Conn wrote in *The Australian*, in a piece that needs to be stuck on the wall of the England dressing-room on Thursday.

If Australia have a weakness, it is in Taylor, in his doubts about his form, and in the resulting doubts in his decision-making. A weak captain destabilises his team.

One is reminded of Mike Brearley, who, as England captain had that combination of wit, care and understanding of his own players, and utter ruthlessness towards the opposition. Taylor, like Brearley, has a quirk of personality that refuses to let a game take its own course. Both have risked ridicule and vilification in order to seize a game by the throat.

And each was troubled from time to time by his own weak batting. A captain in a weak position upsets everyone, especially the next in line, who does not know whether to commiserate or cheer. In this case, Steve Waugh is the man in wait, a fine player and competitor, but an untried leader.

A weak leader divides his followers — that is axiomatic. "When Akela misses his next kill — and each hunt it costs him more to pin the buck — the Pack will turn against him." Words of *The Jungle Book*. Taylor is Australia's Akela, beleaguered leader of the pack. He went to Northamptonshire and was presented not with a wild buck to kill, but a tethered goat.

This may be nothing but the delaying of the inevitable, but nothing in life and cricket is certain. This may just be the beginning of the remaking of the leader of the Australian Wolf Pack. If so, the Australian cakewalk looks more likely than ever. Taylor has not won a thing in England yet, but he is off to flier. The Northamptonshire Method has done him proud.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tour match

Northamptonshire v Australians

NORTHAMPTON (The Australians won toss): The Australians beat Northamptonshire by 17 runs (Duckworth and Lewis method)

AUSTRALIANS

*M A Taylor lbw b Curran	76
M J Slater b Taylor	33
M T G Elliott c Snape b Taylor	4
M E Waugh c Curran b Snape	38
R T Ponting b Penberthy	2
J L Langer c Sales b Hughes	20
†A C Gilchrist c Bailey b Taylor	40
B P Julian run out	1
S K Warne c Bailey b Penberthy	1
M S Kasprowicz c Taylor b Curran	1
J N Gillespie not out	1
Extras (lb 4, w 10, nb 1)	15
Total (47.4 overs)	232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-47, 3-126, 4-130, 5-168, 6-204, 7-209, 8-210, 9-227.

BOWLING: Taylor 8.4-0-44-3; Hughes 7-0-57-1; Curran 9-2-34-2; Penberthy 10-0-39-2; Snape 10-0-37-1; Bailey 3-0-17-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham c Gilchrist b Gillespie	2
M B Loye not out	65
*R J Bailey c and b Julian	10
K M Curran c Gilchrist b Julian	12
A L Penberthy c Waugh b Warne	19
T C Walton st Gilchrist b Warne	2
D J G Sales not out	11
Extras (lb 4, w 9)	13
Total (5 wkts, 35 overs)	134

J N Snape, †D Ripley, J G Hughes and J P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-40, 3-55, 4-108, 5-113.

BOWLING: Gillespie 6-0-16-1; Kasprowicz 7-2-15-0; Julian 6-0-27-2; Ponting 4-0-22-0; Waugh 6-0-29-0; Warne 6-0-21-2.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P Willey.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Durham

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Essex (21pts) beat Durham (6) by 125 runs

ESSEX: First Innings 237 (A P Grayson 76, S G Law 63, N Killeen 4 for 50, S J E Brown 4 for 54)

Second Innings

G A Gooch b Foster	31
*P J Prichard b Boiling	80
N Hussain c sub b Foster	67
S G Law not out	118
R C Irani c Boon b Boiling	1
A P Grayson c Speight b Killeen	26
D R Law run out	14
A P Cowan c Speight b Foster	5
M C Ilott b Foster	2
†B J Hyam c Boon b Walker	4
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 9)	18
Total (9 wkts dec)	366

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-158, 3-203, 4-212, 5-285, 6-313, 7-347, 8-349, 9-366.

BOWLING: Brown 9-1-35-0; Killeen 13-2-57-1; Foster 22-2-94-4; Walker 17.3-4-73-1; Collingwood 4-0-18-0; Boiling 23-5-80-2.

DURHAM: First Innings 291 (P D Collingwood 62, M P Speight 53, A P Cowan 4 for 73)

Second Innings

J J B Lewis c Hyam b Ilott	1
P D Collingwood b Such	27
J E Morris b Such	76
N J Speak lbw b Irani	12
*D C Boon c Grayson b Such	3
†M P Speight b Such	38
M J Foster b Such	1
J Boiling c S G Law b Ilott	15
A Walker c Gooch b Cowan	1
S J E Brown c Grayson b Such	1
N Killeen not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 4)	14
Total	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-65, 3-126, 4-126, 5-132, 6-138, 7-182, 8-185, 9-187

BOWLING: Ilott 19-7-48-2; Cowan 17.5-9-33-1; Irani 9-3-25-1; D R Law 2-0-8-0; Such 29-15-55-6; S G Law 3-0-8-0

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and K E Palmer

Hampshire v Leicestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Leicestershire (23pts) beat Hampshire (6) by five wickets

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 285 (K D James 56 not out; A D Mullally 4 for 69)
Second Innings 182 (A R K Pierson 4 for 58).

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 349 (D J Millns 114 not out, A Habib 77; S D Udal 4 for 118).

Second Innings

V J Wells c and b Stephenson	8
D L Maddy st Aymes b Udal	26
*J J Whitaker b Bovill	37
N C Johnson lbw b Stephenson	6
B F Smith c Stephenson b Bovill	21
A Habib not out	12
†P A Nixon not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 4)	8
Total (5 wkts)	119

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-41, 3-64, 4-95, 5-108

BOWLING: Udal 23-7-52-1; Maru 8-7-1-0; White 1-0-4-0; Stephenson 9-3-24-2; Bovill 7-1-30-2.

Umpires: D J Constant and G Sharp.

Kent v Glamorgan

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Glamorgan (22pts) beat Kent (4) by 87 runs

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 279 (M J McCague 6 for 75).
Second Innings 193 (S P James 54; M V Fleming 4 for 28, P A Strang 4 for 59).

KENT: First Innings 154 (R D B Croft 5 for 33)

Second Innings

D P Fulton b Waqar	6
M J Walker b Cosker	35
A P Wells c Cottey b Cosker	85
G R Cowdrey c Cottey b Cosker	29
*†S A Marsh c Shaw b Croft	15
N J Llong b Cosker	15
M A Ealham not out	30
M V Fleming b Croft	14
P A Strang c Watkin b Croft	3
M J McCague c Cottey b Waqar	4
D W Headley lbw b Waqar	2
Extras (b 1, lb 2)	3
Total	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-90, 3-154, 4-161, 5-185, 6-195, 7-221, 8-225, 9-229

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 14.1-0-52-3; Watkin 9-1-35-0; Thomas 7-1-23-0; Croft 18-4-54-3; Cosker 25-4-64-4

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J F Steele.

Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Nottinghamshire (22pts) beat Lancashire (4) by six wickets

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 125 (J P Crawley 51 not out; K P Evans 6 for 40)
Second Innings 357 (Crawley 101, M A Atherton 68, G D Lloyd 62).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 263 (U Afzaal 70 not out, P Johnson 56; I D Austin 4 for 44)

Second Innings

P R Pollard lbw b Martin	15
C M Tolley c Gallian b Martin	25
G F Archer c Gallian b Martin	4
N A Gie c Hegg b Austin	8
*P Johnson not out	87
U Afzaal not out	77
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 4)	7
Total (4 wkts)	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-38, 3-49, 4-63

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 9-4-12-0; Chapple 14-0-47-0; Austin 17-4-38-1; Martin 14-3-52-3; Watkinson 10-2-35-0; Gallian 6.1-2-36-0

Umpires: V A Holder and A A Jones.

Somerset v Sussex

TAUNTON (final day of four): Somerset (11pts) drew with Sussex (8)

SUSSEX: First Innings 241 (Mushtaq Ahmed 6 for 70).

Second Innings

*†P Moores c Turner b Shine	8
C W J Athey not out	138
K Greenfield lbw b Rose	16
N R Taylor c Harden b Mushtaq	28
K Newell c Parsons b Caddick	21
M T E Peirce run out	8
P W Jarvis not out	21
Extras (lb 9, nb 10)	19
Total (5 wkts)	259

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-64, 3-128, 4-183, 5-193

BOWLING: Caddick 30-8-59-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 34.1-16-67-1; Shine 13-1-68-1; Parsons 5-2-12-0; Rose 13-3-41-1; Bowler 3-1-5-0

SOMERSET: First Innings 409 (G D Rose 191, R J Harden 103, P W Jarvis 5 for 122).

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R A White.

Athey: unbeaten century saved game for Sussex

University match

Cambridge v Oxford

FENNER'S (Cambridge University won toss): Cambridge University beat Oxford University by 73 runs

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

J Ratledge b Wagh	79
E T Smith c Battarbee b Averis	88
*A Singh c Hudson b Averis	57
W J House c Fulton b Byrne	15
R O Jones c Byrne b Wagh	12
P S Jones not out	12
†D R H Churton run out	6
G J Hughes not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 8, nb 8)	25
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	297

M W Dawson, A N Janisch and E J How did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-164, 2-189, 3-229, 4-267, 5-278, 6-292.

BOWLING: Averis 9-1-40-2; Patel 10-1-47-0; Battarbee 7-0-63-0; Wagh 10-1-40-2; Byrne 9-0-60-1; Lightfoot 4-0-22-0; Hudson 1-0-18-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

R D Hudson c Singh b R O Jones	79
B W Byrne c Dawson b Janisch	10
*M A Wagh b P S Jones	10
C G R Lightfoot c Janisch b Dawson	58
L G Buchanan st Churton b House	19
J A G Fulton c Ratledge b R O Jones	2
C Patel run out	2
P G Morgan c Janisch b R O Jones	8
J M M Averis not out	10
†A P Scrini b R O Jones	2
C M Battarbee c Churton b Janisch	8
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 8, nb 2)	16
Total (48 overs)	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-35, 3-136, 4-178, 5-189, 6-201, 7-202, 8-203, 9-213.

BOWLING: Janisch 8-4-21-2; How 10-1-27-0; P S Jones 10-0-32-1; R O Jones 10-0-57-4; Dawson 3-0-26-1; House 7-0-56-1.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty.

Independence Cup

India v Sri Lanka

BOMBAY (India won toss): Sri Lanka beat India by five wickets

INDIA

S C Ganguly b Vaas	0
*S R Tendulkar c Dharmasena b S C de Silva	8
R S Dravid b Muralitharan	61
V G Kambli c Tillekeratne b S C de Silva	4
A D Jadeja b Jayasuriya	72
R Singh b S C de Silva	51
†N R Mongia not out	21
A R Kumble c Muralitharan b Vaas	0
Extras (b 6, w 7, nb 1)	14
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	225

S Joshi, A P Kuruvilla and B K V Prasad did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4, 3-29, 4-144, 5-182, 6-224, 7-225.

BOWLING: Vaas 10-3-13-2; S C de Silva 10-0-59-3; Muralitharan 10-0-37-1; Dharmasena 10-2-38-0; Jayasuriya 8-0-55-1; P A de Silva 2-0-17-0.

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya not out	151
†R S Kaluwitharana c Tendulkar b Kuruvilla	4
M S Atapattu run out	38
P A de Silva lbw b Kumble	0
*A Ranatunga c sub b Kumble	17
H P Tillekeratne c Mongia b Kuruvilla	8
R S Mahanama not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 7)	13
Total (5 wkts, 40.5 overs)	229

H D P K Dharmasena, W P U J C Vaas, M Muralitharan and S C de Silva did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-146, 3-151, 4-194, 5-220.

BOWLING: Prasad 10-1-57-0; Kuruvilla 7-1-22-2; Kumble 10-0-55-2; Joshi 9.5-0-58-0; Singh 2-0-20-0; Tendulkar 2-0-13-0.

Man of the match: S T Jayasuriya.

Umpires: R S Dunne (New Zealand) and D J Orchard (South Africa).

Smith puts Cambridge in command

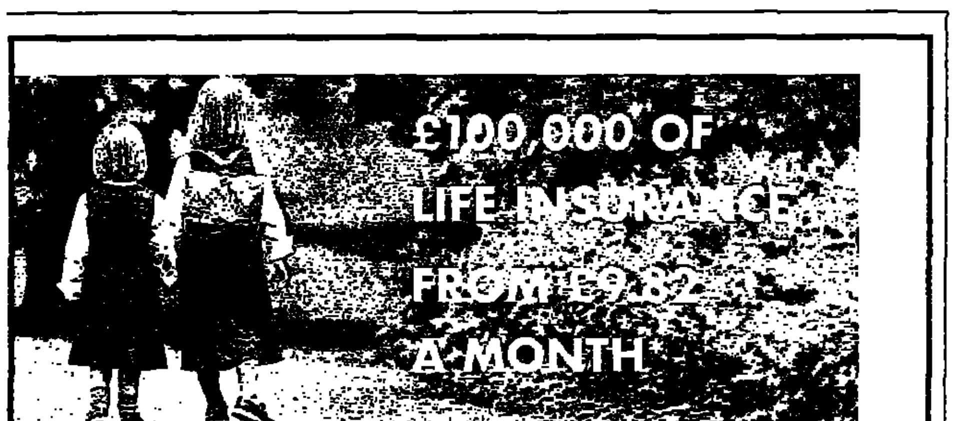
By Rupert Cox

WITH Cambridge University retaining eight Blues from last year, as opposed to the Dark Blues' one, the odds were always stacked heavily against Oxford University lifting the Johnson Fry Trophy at Fenner's on Saturday. The extra panache of Cambridge helped to secure a 73-run victory in the third annual one-day University match, giving them a 2-1 lead in the series.

The Oxford bowlers initially contained Ed Smith and John Ratledge — 100 being passed in the thirtieth over — but, with wickets in hand, the batsmen raised the tempo as the sun broke through to swell the crowds.

Smith quelled disputes over his aptitude for the one-day environment, posting 164 with Ratledge during a well-paced opening stand. He will need to improve his fielding and athleticism, but his is a burgeoning talent destined for a bigger stage.

Singh guaranteed a formidable total with 57 from 34 balls, taking the game away from a wilting Oxford side. Though ahead of Cambridge at the 30-over mark, Oxford's lack of resources put paid to their challenge, despite 79 from Roger Hudson and a more lavish 58 from Charlie Lightfoot. Robin Jones sealed victory with three wickets in the 44th over. The Light Blues will, therefore, start the three-day University match at Lord's in July, firm favourites.



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CRICKET

Leatherdale proves an unlikely destroyer

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire beat the Australians by five wickets

IN contemplating the bowlers likely to trouble them on this tour, the Australians probably gave little thought to Gavin Haynes and David Leatherdale. Indeed, they may not even have heard of them. On a damp and murky morning in Worcester, however, the touring team discovered there is no shortage of old-fashioned English seam bowlers capable of making life difficult when conditions suit them.

The New Road pitch, having sweated under cover during the storms of recent nights, offered enough movement to make batting constantly uncomfortable. The ball also swung appreciably in the hazy humidity and the Australians, put into bat, were dismissed inside 35 overs.

Few could have predicted the bowlers who would torment them. Haynes, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, took the first four wickets with the new ball before Leatherdale, very much an occasional bowler, medium of pace and pretensions, achieved the remarkable figures of five for ten in five overs. After an opening stand of 33, all ten Australian wickets fell for 88.

They fought back tenaciously in the field, Shane Warne's bowling and clowning being appreciated in equal measure, but their first defeat on tour could not be long delayed. A capacity crowd was heading happily home well before 5pm.

It may not cause sleepless nights in the touring camp but Mark Taylor, the beaten captain, was nonetheless sternfaced. "It was disappointing," he said. "We didn't bat well enough. These are the sort of conditions we may encounter again, so we have to learn. It is good to have suffered this early on, because it shows you cannot go into any game not prepared to tough it out."

Taylor began the day by scratching around for 14 overs for as many runs. This was not a negligible effort, as the ball darted around off the seam, but despite making runs in both the preceding games, Taylor still seems some way short of fluency. He had lost his first-wicket partner Greg Blewett, bowled off his pads, before driving at Haynes, with bat remote from body, to give Steve Rhodes the first of his five catches behind the wicket.

The shots of the day were played by Michael Bevan — two consecutive straight-driven fours, struck on the up. The same over from Haynes cut him rudely short as he pushed at a ball that left him. Steve Waugh went in the same way, to the last ball of Haynes's unbroken spell, and the Australians were suddenly 78 for four.

Things did not improve. There was a brief hiatus while the left-handers, Langer and Gilchrist, restored order, though even this was punctuated by a rare missed catch by Graeme Hick, reprieving Gilchrist at square leg.

Leatherdale may have been mildly surprised when his captain summoned him to bowl but his second delivery saw off Langer, shaking his head at being given leg-before on the front foot and he took a wicket in each succeeding over.

The last six wickets tumbled for 17 runs in a spell that Leatherdale is unlikely to improve upon, no matter how long he plays the game. He maintained a decent off-side line and used the assistance wisely, but he will admit he was the beneficiary of some irresolute strokes.

The Australians now needed to take the field before the lunch interval, and, a greater indignity, ended the 13-over session wicketless. Tom Moody, one of their own old boys, and Phil Weston expanded the opening stand to 58 before the loss of three wickets for seven raised the prospect of a competitive game.

Warne was the catalyst. His second over accounted for Weston, top-edging a sweep, and he then took two fine catches at second slip in the space of three balls from Michael Kasprowicz. Hick received his usual quota of short balls, some barely legitimate, and survived one top-edged pull off Glenn McGrath.

He did not quite see his team home, finally cutting Blewett tamely to Warne at gully, but Leatherdale, who never has been short of confidence, came in buoyed by his bowling exploits to complete the victory with two fours in three balls.

Leatherdale, left, who took five for ten, and Haynes, who picked up the first four Australian wickets, were the Worcestershire match-winners

Morris's dazzling effort cancelled out by Law

BY PAT GIBSON

CHELMSFORD (Durham won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Durham by two wickets

JOHN MORRIS hit his first Sunday century since he joined Durham in 1994, but it was still not enough to give them what would have been only their second Axa Life League win in two seasons. Inspired by Danny Law, Essex recovered from a dreadful start to win with eight balls to spare in a pulsating finish.

It is probably just as well for Graham Gooch that Essex did not succumb. He does not turn up at the County Ground for Sunday games these days, but he would have had a bit of explaining to do if Morris's dazzling 110, containing seven sixes and four fours, had shattered Essex's unbeaten one-day record.

Morris was so concerned about his lost form at the end of last season that he summoned up the courage to seek advice from Gooch, who, as England captain, had banished him from Test cricket after he had taken an ill-advised trip on a Tiger Moth with David Gower in 1991.

Most weeks during the winter, Morris travelled from his Durham home to the indoor school at Chelmsford, where Gooch made the adjustments that he felt were necessary. Such refinements were not easy to identify in the frenzy of a Sunday game but Morris's returning confidence was, as he put Essex to the sword.

He made a sketchy start and offered a hard return chance to Ilott, when he had made 11, but after that he was unstoppable. One of his sixes, driven into the river off Such, took him to his 50 off 62 balls and he needed only 28 more balls to reach his hundred, which was completed with a six pulled ferociously over long-on off Grayson.

The first problem for Durham was the lack of support for Morris. Only Speak got very far and, after he had helped to add 95 in 14 overs, he called for a quick single and Morris was given run out after reference to the third umpire.

It did not seem to matter too much when Essex, the only team to lose to Durham on Sundays last year, began their innings in a manner that suggested a degree of complacency against the inexperienced Durham seamers. Prichard, Stuart Law, Hussain and Irani all fell in rapid succession to Saggers and Killeen, and Danny Law himself would have gone for five if Morris, of all people, had been able to run in quickly enough at mid-off to hold a sharp chance off Walker.

How Durham were to pay for that. Danny Law, striking the ball beautifully, made 82, his highest Sunday score, off 75 balls, hitting four sixes, all off the suffering Boiling, and four fours. Grayson and Robinson supported him well and, although Essex still needed 23 when Danny Law sliced a drive to third man, Ilott and Cowan completed the job with some alacrity.

Knight fails to find form as Warwickshire win

BY RICHARD HOBSON

EDGBASTON (Yorkshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by four wickets

IN THREE competitions over the past week, Nick Knight has proved himself a decent temporary captain, in the absence of Tim Munton, by leading Warwickshire to success. Yet he leaves his county for Texaco Trophy duty this week with cause for concern.

For the third time in five days, Knight was dismissed in single figures by the Yorkshire attack and he will face Australia at Headingley on Thursday with an aggregate of 104 runs in five innings since his belated start to the season.

Knight believes that the finger broken by Heath Davis in New Zealand has recovered and can feel slightly unfortunate to succumb to a wonderful catch on his latest attempt to find some fluency yesterday. As Warwickshire pursued the 186 target he attempted to steer Gough through backward point but saw Vaughan dive forward to seize the ball low down.

As clouds gradually shielded the sun and a spring nip prompted spectators to reach for their second sweaters, this became an increasingly cheerless contest. Neither side took advantage of a short boundary and no pair of batsmen remained together for longer than ten overs. The initiative swung repeatedly but although it was a cat and mouse game it held no more tension than a Tom and Jerry cartoon.

After the dismissal of Knight, Smith smote liberally before driving to deep cover and Hemp could only glide an attempt to steer through third man to Blakey. Brown reverse swept to backward point, which served him right, and when Stemp removed Penney and Ostler in the same over Yorkshire had a straight third win within their grasp. However, Welch and Ashley Giles began their seventh-wicket stand sensibly before opening out to ensure that their side eventually won with something to spare.

In contrast to Knight, Giles will meet the England squad with another encouraging performance behind him. Earlier he conceded just 28 runs from eight overs of intelligent left-arm spin and those figures gain in value because he was employed late in the Yorkshire innings.

Blakey, his career average nudging 40 in this competition, misread the flight of a delivery that left him marooned on the front foot and Hartley followed later in ugly fashion, bowled attempting a rustic pull.

At the culmination of a week in which the return of Brian Lara to Edgebaston next season moved from the possible to the probable — Dennis Amiss, the chief executive, having been encouraged by talks with Lara's agent — the most telling contribution was made by Allan Donald, the man Lara is expected to replace. Donald claimed four wickets including that of Parker, top scorer with 42 from 55 balls.

Lancashire struggle to find an instant solution

BY DEREK HODGSON

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by two wickets

LANCASHIRE'S third successive Sunday win was a taste of honey after the nasty dose administered by the first championship table of the season, which shows them bottom. This victory was hardly substantial enough to please the traditionalists, as, in the familiar Lancashire pattern, one batsman after another played themselves in without difficulty and then got out with equal facility.

What will happen when all England's senior players are contracted to the national team? Will they find it more difficult to adjust to bread and butter on a Sunday?

Two players not selected for England yesterday, Jason Gallian and Neil Fairbrother, rescued their innings against a team in green who made up for whatever deficiencies they may have in individual ability by their backing of the common cause. Nottinghamshire, it seems, could be the Leicester City of the summer.

Michael Atherton, after two spanking drives that seemed to confirm his Saturday statement — "I'm feeling good, I'm hitting the ball well" — was bowled by one of Matthew Dowman's "dobbers" when trying to work the ball into the off side. John Crawley, forcing, was caught behind, as was Graham Lloyd.

The innings was rocked in the 25th over when Mark Bowen dismissed Fairbrother leg-before and caught Ian Austin next ball. Hegg stayed long enough to reduce the target to 36 off ten overs, and Gary Yates departed with only four needed.

Nottinghamshire were unable to recover from a poor start. Paul Pollard sliced to third man and Paul Johnson became the first of Warren Hegg's four victims. At ten for two, Peter Martin and Austin put such a stranglehold on the innings that ten overs produced only 22 runs.

Graeme Archer was a little unlucky to fall to a catch at full-length by Hegg, but, when the progressive Dowman was bowled at the same score, 51, making room to cut, the innings was in danger of folding. Ashley Metcalfe, who has never been, temperamentally, a one-day player, then steered the middle-order through accurate spells by an all off-spin attack, and, assisted by Kevin Evans, was able to make the score respectable. He swept Watkinson for six and was seventh out, at 127, trying to repeat the feat.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tour match

Worcestershire v Australians

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire beat the Australians by five wickets

AUSTRALIANS

*M A Taylor c Rhodes b Haynes	14
G S Blewett b Haynes	22
S R Waugh c Rhodes b Haynes	21
M G Bevan c Rhodes b Haynes	8
J L Langer lbw b Leatherdale	15
A C Gilchrist lbw b Lampitt	10
†I A Healy not out	9
B P Julian c Moody b Leatherdale	1
S K Warne c Rhodes b Leatherdale	3
M S Kasprowicz c Lampitt b Leatherdale	2
G D McGrath c Rhodes b Leatherdale	2
Extras (lb 4, w 6, nb 4)	14
Total	121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-53, 3-64, 4-78, 5-104, 6-104, 7-105, 8-109, 9-113.

BOWLING: Newport 8-0-18-0; Haynes 10-1-40-4; Sheriyar 7-0-29-0; Lampitt 7-0-20-1; Leatherdale 5-1-10-5.

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody c Warne b Kasprowicz	32
W P C Weston c Julian b Warne	12
G A Hick c Warne b Blewett	35
G R Haynes c Warne b Kasprowicz	0
V S Solanki c Gilchrist b Warne	6
K R Spiring not out	9
D A Leatherdale not out	8
Extras (b 5, lb 1, w 11, nb 4)	21
Total (5 wkts)	123

†S J Rhodes, P J Newport, A Sheriyar and S R Lampitt did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-65, 3-65, 4-87, 5-114.

BOWLING: McGrath 10-1-32-0; Kasprowicz 10-3-13-2; Julian 6-3-13-0; Warne 10-1-36-2; Blewett 2.5-0-23-1.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and R Julian.

Axa Life League

Essex v Durham

CHELMSFORD (Durham won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Durham by two wickets

DURHAM

J E Morris run out	110
P D Collingwood c Robinson b Such	10
*D C Boon st Rollins b Such	16
N J Speak c Rollins b Grayson	24
†M P Speight run out	10
J J B Lewis st Rollins b Grayson	14
M J Foster b Grayson	10
J Boiling not out	5
N Killeen st Rollins b Grayson	0
Extras (lb 4, w 5)	9
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	208

M J Saggers and A Walker did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-67, 3-162, 4-169, 5-192, 6-199, 7-206, 8-208.

BOWLING: Cowan 8-0-34-0; Ilott 8-0-44-0; Such 8-0-41-2; Irani 8-0-22-0; Grayson 8-0-63-4.

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c Boiling b Saggers	2
S G Law c Collingwood b Killeen	13
N Hussain c Speight b Killeen	12
R C Irani c Boiling b Saggers	5
A P Grayson lbw b Foster	14
D R Law c Foster b Killeen	82
D D J Robinson lbw b Saggers	27
†R J Rollins c and b Saggers	4
M C Ilott not out	15
A P Cowan not out	15
Extras (lb 5, w 16)	21
Total (8 wkts, 38.4 overs)	210

P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-29, 3-37, 4-38, 5-91, 6-152, 7-161, 8-185.

BOWLING: Killeen 7.4-0-32-3; Saggers 8-0-35-4; Walker 7-0-28-0; Boiling 3-0-33-0; Foster 7-0-39-1; Collingwood 6-0-38-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and A G T Whitehead.

Hampshire v Leicestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Hampshire by 38 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE

N C Johnson c Aymes b Maru	54
V J Wells c Maru b Hayden	31
A Habib c Stephenson b Hayden	23
D L Maddy c and b Udal	11
B F Smith not out	51
*J J Whitaker c Stephenson b Connor	4
†P A Nixon run out	33
J M Dakin not out	11
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 7)	13
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	231

G J Parsons, M T Brimson and A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-92, 3-120, 4-138, 5-145, 6-199.

BOWLING: Connor 8-0-43-1; Renshaw 7-0-48-0; James 2-0-17-0; Maru 8-0-38-1; Hayden 8-0-38-2; Udal 7-0-41-1.

HAMPSHIRE

M L Hayden c Whitaker b Wells	19
G W White c Whitaker b Parsons	11
R A Smith c Wells b Mullally	0
W S Kendall lbw b Brimson	37
*J P Stephenson c Maddy b Johnson	6
K D James run out	50
†A N Aymes c Dakin b Wells	30
S D Udal c Brimson b Mullally	5
R J Maru b Mullally	6
S J Renshaw not out	7
C A Connor b Wells	0
Extras (lb 9, w 6, nb 7)	22
Total (39.5 overs)	193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-28, 3-48, 4-59, 5-104, 6-157, 7-177, 8-186, 9-186.

BOWLING: Mullally 8-0-36-3; Parsons 8-0-27-1; Wells 7.5-0-33-3; Johnson 8-0-38-1; Brimson 4-0-24-1; Dakin 4-0-26-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and G Sharp.

Kent v Glamorgan

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Glamorgan by eight runs

KENT

M V Fleming c Butcher b Watkin	33
M J Walker b Dale	30
T R Ward c sub b Croft	24
A P Wells c and b Croft	32
G R Cowdrey b Dale	2
M A Ealham run out	61
N J Llong c Cottey b Butcher	4
P A Strang c James b Waqar	22
*†S A Marsh not out	14
M J McCague run out	1
Extras (lb 4, w 11)	15
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	238

T N Wren did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-94, 3-99, 4-101, 5-161, 6-172, 7-215, 8-235, 9-238.

BOWLING: Watkin 8-0-48-1; Waqar Younis 6-0-45-1; Parkin 1.5-0-14-0; Maynard 0.1-0-0-0; Dale 7-0-44-2; Croft 8-0-31-2; Butcher 5-0-31-1; Cottey 4-0-21-0.

GLAMORGAN

S P James b Llong	38
R D B Croft c Ealham b Strang	50
A Dale c and b McCague	65
G P Butcher b Fleming	24
*M P Maynard b Ealham	10
P A Cottey run out	14
A W Evans b Ealham	3
†A D Shaw lbw b Ealham	1
Waqar Younis b Ealham	0
S L Watkin not out	5
O T Parkin b Ealham	0
Extras (b 2, lb 11, w 4, nb 3)	20
Total (39.2 overs)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-129, 3-170, 4-199, 5-218, 6-218, 7-221, 8-221, 9-230.

BOWLING: Wren 6-0-45-0; Ealham 7.2-0-41-5; McCague 8-0-38-1; Strang 8-0-39-1; Fleming 7-0-41-1; Llong 3-0-12-1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J F Steele.

Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by two wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard c Chapple b Martin	2
M P Dowman b Yates	20
*P Johnson c Hegg b Austin	2
G F Archer c Hegg b Chapple	14
A A Metcalfe c Gallian b Watkinson	36
N A Gie st Hegg b Watkinson	9
†W M Noon c Watkinson b Yates	3
K P Evans st Hegg b Watkinson	20
R T Bates run out	4
R A Pick c Gallian b Martin	8
M N Bowen not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 15)	21
Total (39.4 overs)	139

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-10, 3-51, 4-53, 5-71, 6-76, 7-127, 8-127, 9-135.

BOWLING: Austin 8-2-14-1; Martin 7.4-0-28-2; Gallian 2-0-14-0; Chapple 6-0-37-1; Yates 8-1-14-2; Watkinson 8-0-26-3.

LANCASHIRE

*M Watkinson c Pollard b Pick	5
M A Atherton b Dowman	13
J E R Gallian not out	54
J P Crawley c Noon b Bowen	9
G D Lloyd c Noon b Dowman	5
N H Fairbrother lbw b Bowen	16
I D Austin c and b Bowen	0
†W K Hegg c Johnson b Bates	8
G Yates c Pollard b Evans	17
G Chapple not out	4
Extras (lb 3, w 5, nb 2)	10
Total (8 wkts, 37.5 overs)	141

P J Martin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-30, 3-47, 4-54, 5-87, 6-87, 7-104, 8-136.

BOWLING: Evans 7-0-20-1; Pick 6.5-0-30-1; Dowman 8-0-31-2; Bowen 8-0-28-3; Bates 8-1-29-1.

Umpires: V A Holder and A A Jones

Middlesex v Derbyshire

LORD'S (Derbyshire won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Derbyshire by four wickets

DERBYSHIRE

*D M Jones c Brown b Johnson	26
C J Adams c Kallis b Dutch	52
P A J DeFreitas c Gatting b Hewitt	17
G A Khan lbw b Hewitt	5
I Blackwell lbw b Dutch	3
M E Cassar b Johnson	33
V P Clarke b Fraser	7
†K M Krikken not out	9
G M Roberts c Nash b Weekes	1
A J Harris lbw b Johnson	2
K J Dean lbw b Weekes	1
Extras (b 1, lb 11, w 8, nb 2)	22
Total (39.4 overs)	178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-104, 3-116, 4-121, 5-127, 6-159, 7-170, 8-171, 9-175.

BOWLING: Fraser 8-0-30-1; Hewitt 8-0-36-2; Kallis 5-0-20-0; Johnson 7-0-39-3. Dutch 8-0-25-2; Weekes 3.4-1-16-2.

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes c Krikken b Dean	3
J H Kallis c Clarke b DeFreitas	10
M R Ramprakash b Harris	28
*M W Gatting not out	82
†K R Brown c Jones b Clarke	3
S P Moffat c Krikken b Cassar	14
D C Nash b Harris	23
K P Dutch not out	2
Extras (lb 10, w 4)	14
Total (6 wkts, 39.5 overs)	179

R L Johnson, J P Hewitt and A R C Fraser did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-27, 3-75, 4-84, 5-103, 6-165.

BOWLING: Dean 8-1-22-1, DeFreitas 7.5-1-34-1, Roberts 6-0-32-0; Harris 8-0-30-2; Clarke 7-0-36-1; Cassar 3-1-15-1

Umpires. G I Burgess and B Dudleston.

Somerset v Sussex

TAUNTON (Sussex won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Sussex by six wickets

SUSSEX

K Greenfield b Parsons	14
R K Rao c Burns b Rose	4
N R Taylor not out	40
M Newell c Burns b Rose	13
K Newell c Harden b Caddick	3
J P Pyemont lbw b Kerr	3
*†P Moores lbw b Caddick	8
P W Jarvis c Parsons b Ahmed	1
N C Phillips c Burns b Caddick	7
A A Khan lbw b Caddick	0
M A Robinson b Rose	1
Extras (b 4, w 9, nb 2)	15
Total (31.4 overs)	109

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-25, 3-61, 4-62, 5-73, 6-87, 7-88, 8-99, 9-99.

BOWLING: Parsons 4-0-22-1; Rose 7.4-0-29-3; Kerr 5-1-16-1; Caddick 8-1-19-4; Ahmed 7-0-19-1

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell not out	53
†M Burns c Pyemont b Robinson	12
S C Ecclestone c Moores b K Newell	22
M E Trescothick b Phillips	4
G D Rose c Taylor b Khan	4
R J Harden not out	8
Extras (lb 2, w 4, nb 2)	8
Total (4 wkts, 23.2 overs)	111

*P D Bowler, K A Parsons, A R Caddick, J I D Kerr and Mushtaq Ahmed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-60, 3-70, 4-89.

BOWLING. Jarvis 5-1-17-0; Robinson 4-0-18-1; Khan 7.2-0-30-1, K Newell 1-0-13-1; Phillips 4-0-17-1; Rao 2-0-14-0

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R A White.

Surrey v Gloucestershire

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by five wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

N J Trainor b Bicknell	4
M A Lynch lbw b Bicknell	7
R J Cunliffe b A J Hollioake	42
S Young lbw b Bicknell	3
†R C Russell b Benjamin	15
*M W Alleyne run out	58
A J Wright c Thorpe b B C Hollioake	14
T H C Hancock c Stewart b A J Hollioake	17
M C J Ball c Butcher b Lewis	5
A M Smith not out	0
K P Sheeraz not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 4, nb 2)	11
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	176

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-4, 2-19, 3-35, 4-71, 5-87, 6-119, 7-156, 8-174, 9-175.

BOWLING. Bicknell 8-0-24-3, Lewis 8-0-33-1, B C Hollioake 8-0-38-1; Benjamin 8-0-25-1. A J Hollioake 8-0-51-2

SURREY

M A Butcher run out	26
A D Brown b Sheeraz	0
†A J Stewart c Russell b Young	26
G P Thorpe c Russell b Alleyne	38
N Shahid not out	34
*A J Hollioake c Young b Smith	30
C C Lewis not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 9, nb 4)	22
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	177

B C Hollioake, J D Ratcliffe, M P Bicknell and J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-53, 3-75, 4-129, 5-175.

BOWLING. Smith 7-1-39-1; Sheeraz 5-0-15-1, Ball 8-0-26-0; Young 7-0-35-1 Alleyne 8-0-34-1; Hancock 5-0-19-0

Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder.

Warwickshire v Yorkshire

EDGBASTON (Yorkshire won toss) Warwickshire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by four wickets

YORKSHIRE

M P Vaughan c Knight b Welch	6
*D Byas c Smith b Brown	20
D S Lehmann c Smith b Donald	22
†R J Blakey b Giles	13
A McGrath b Donald	9
C White lbw b Brown	15
B Parker b Donald	42
P J Hartley b Giles	14
D Gough c Small b Donald	3
C E W Silverwood not out	5
R D Stemp not out	9
Extras (b 4, lb 14, w 5, nb 4)	27
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	185

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-10, 2-39, 3-71, 4-78, 5-93, 6-123, 7-161, 8-169, 9-171

BOWLING: Welch 8-0-30-1, Brown 8-0-37-2; Donald 8-0-32-4; Giles 8-0-28-2 Small 6-0-27-0, Smith 2-0-13-0

WARWICKSHIRE

*N V Knight c Vaughan b Gough	6
N M K Smith c Parker b White	26
D R Brown c White b Stemp	36
D L Hemp c Blakey b White	8
D P Ostler lbw b Stemp	36
T L Penney b Stemp	17
G Welch not out	20
A F Giles not out	29
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 2)	8
Total (6 wkts, 37.4 overs)	186

†T Frost, A A Donald and G C Small did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-42, 3-60, 4-89, 5-135, 6-140.

BOWLING: Silverwood 8-0-34-0, Gough 6.4-0-45-1; White 8-0-26-2. Hartley 7-1-38-0; Stemp 8-1-39-3.

Umpires J H Harris and B J Meyer

Hampshire continue to struggle

BY IVO TENNANT

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Hampshire by 38 runs

ONE-DAY cricket is unlikely to be Hampshire's forte this season. It is not easy to work out what will be. They never looked as if they would beat Leicestershire in this Axa Life League match yesterday, and there were rumblings from the members as a result.

Needing 232 to win, Hampshire began all too sluggishly. White was caught at cover, Robin Smith was brilliantly held at third man by Wells off a sliced drive and Hayden, who cannot keep his game together, chipped to mid-on.

Hampshire needed 103 runs off the last ten overs. Kendall contributed 37 and James reached a half-century off 54 balls, including four fours, but that was not enough.

Leicestershire, who were put in, started well, batted hesitantly in the middle of the innings and scored freely at the end. Johnson, who is sufficiently proficient in limited overs cricket in South Africa to be able to open here, struck 54 off 52 balls through uncomplicated hitting. Nobody else made more.

There were runs for Wells and Aftab Habib, if not sufficient. Both were dismissed by Hayden, who having declared at the start of the season that this was his opportunity to make a large number of runs, will be pleased to know that he can at least take wickets.

The hitting at the end of the innings was impressive. Ben Smith, in the course of striking 51 off 49 balls, drove Renshaw over the pavilion, a huge shot.

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CHANGING TIMES

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CRICKET

Sussex feel force of Caddick's ire

By Simon Wilde

TAUNTON (Sussex won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Sussex by six wickets

ANDREW CADDICK had good reason to believe he would be named in the England Texaco Trophy party yesterday. After all, he was their most successful bowler when they last played, in New Zealand during the winter, and is bowling well for Somerset in one-day matches. But when the morning telephone call came from the selectors it informed him that he was surplus to requirements.

Caddick was upset — according to one source, he was "breathing fire and thunder" — and proceeded to take it out on unfortunate Sussex, who consequently lost this Axa Life League match with a minimum of fuss. They were dismissed for 109 with eight of their 40 overs unused and Caddick was their chief tormentor with a return of four for 19, only marginally inferior to his best figures in the competition.

Caddick entered the attack in the twelfth over with Sussex 60 for three and scoring briskly despite the loss of Greenfield, Rao and Mark Newell, all victims of the early swing the white ball provided Parsons and Rose. Caddick not only applied a brake on the scoring, but put the batsmen under pressure with his ability to move the ball away.

This soon accounted for Keith Newell, who edged his fifth ball into the hands of Harden at slip, and in his fifth over Moores was also beaten through the air and fell leg-before. Caddick added the scalps of Phillips and Khan with successive balls in his final over and only narrowly failed to secure a hat-trick, his first ball to Robinson, Sussex's last man, eluding both bat and off stump.

He took his sweater with Sussex 99 for nine, having added only 39 runs from 15 overs for the loss of six wickets while Caddick was operating. The two other wickets that fell during this period went to Kerr and Mushtaq. Caddick has now taken 17 wickets in one-day matches this season at a cost of 15.94 apiece, though he has conceded runs at more than four per over.

The only batsman who kept Caddick at bay was Taylor, who was at the crease for all but three overs of the Sussex innings for his unbeaten 40 and provided further evidence of the wisdom of his signing from Kent.

Somerset were little troubled in reaching their target and won with nearly 17 overs to spare. Jarvis, bowling as well as he has for years, produced an opening spell of genuine pace but failed to make the breakthrough that might have saved the match from a predictable conclusion.

Lathwell anchored the Somerset innings with an unbeaten 53 from 65 balls and — as is customary when the force is with him — played some difficult shots with ridiculous ease. There was no pressure in the situation but he and Ecclestone, who thumped five fours in his 22, matched each other blow for blow in adding an entertaining 40 in five overs.

The match was played on the pitch used for the rain-affected championship fixture but remained true and offered Sussex no excuse for another feeble performance that saw them beaten for the fourth time in the competition this season. What must worry them is not that they are losing — which is perhaps only to be expected in their present predicament — but that their selection appears so cock-eyed.

Depleted by injuries, they nevertheless left out Athey, who had completed a fine century the previous day, because he is deemed to score too slowly. They started the season thinking that about Taylor, but quickly revised their opinion. They are in a mess and no mistake.

TABLE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Lancashire (9)	3	3	0	0	0	12	14 82
Kent (10)	3	3	0	0	0	12	11 95
Essex (17)	3	3	0	0	0	12	11 17
Somerset (5)	4	2	1	0	1	10	13 96
Surrey (1)	4	2	1	0	1	10	-1 45
Yorkshire (3)	3	2	1	0	0	8	13 52
Notts (2)	4	2	2	0	0	8	1.47
Warwickshire (4)	3	2	1	0	0	8	1 17
Middlesex (7)	3	2	1	0	0	8	-0.31
Leics (12)	3	2	1	0	0	8	-11 63
Gloucs (16)	3	1	1	0	1	6	32 74
Northants (6)	3	1	1	0	1	6	6.05
Worcs (8)	2	1	1	0	0	4	0.52
Glamorgan (13)	4	1	3	0	0	4	-1 77
Derbyshire (11)	4	0	3	0	1	2	-11 93
Hampshire (15)	4	0	3	0	1	2	-22 06
Durham (18)	3	0	3	0	0	0	-15 85
Sussex (14)	4	0	4	0	0	0	-24 71

(1996 positions in brackets)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Trainor is stranded by Martin Bicknell's third ball as Surrey strike an early blow against Gloucestershire at the Oval yesterday

Hollioake makes the difference

By Barney Spender

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by five wickets

SURREY, the defending champions, picked themselves up from their county championship defeat on Friday to sneak home with a scrambled single off the last ball against Gloucestershire yesterday, earning a win that keeps them up with the early leaders of the Axa Life League.

Adam Hollioake was their match-winner. As if to celebrate his call to the England squad for the Texaco Trophy series against Australia, he thrashed a quick 30 from 20 balls to wrest the match from Gloucestershire. With Surrey needing 26 off the last three overs, Hollioake took them to the brink with three boundaries before holing out to Shaun Young. Just two runs were required from the last seven balls, but a fine final over from Young frustrated Shahid until the batsmen just scraped home off the last ball.

Yet, apart from its finale, this match was, for the most part, a bore and this was one of those days when American visitors can be excused for thinking that the English are more than a little eccentric to endure such a dull, tedious, forgettable occasion. Much of the interest rested on the performances of Surrey's four England men, particularly the Hollioakes, and, while the selectors will be pleased to know that they all contributed something, there was a nagging feeling that, Adam Hollioake excepted, they might have done rather more.

Launching the Surrey chase for 177 after the early loss of Brown, Alec Stewart produced one of his little cameos, with 26 from 39 balls, before, having blasted Young for two boundaries off successive deliveries, he went for another drive and edged to Russell. He needed more time in the middle, having failed in his four championship innings to date, and the Australians will have noticed that his footwork is not at its best.

His dismissal brought an end to the boundaries for the next 20 overs as Graham Thorpe poked around to make 38 from 60 balls before nicking Alleyne to Russell. Earlier, Martin Bicknell had threatened to settle the game even before the spectators had taken their seats. With the third delivery of the match, he sent back Trainor and then removed the dangerous pair of Lynch and Young in quick succession, both leg-before. He finished with the creditable figures of three for 24.

Fortunately for those spectators, Gloucestershire made a game of it. The batsmen were never quite able to get on top, but, thanks to Cunliffe and Alleyne, they did at least set Surrey a respectable target. Cunliffe, who came in at No 3, struck four boundaries in a steadying innings of 42 from 78 balls before edging Adam Hollioake's third ball to Stewart. By that stage, Russell had also gone, bowled by Benjamin, and it was left to the captain, Alleyne, to guide Gloucestershire from 87 for five to their final total of 276 for nine.

Alleyne is enjoying something of a renaissance as a player in his first year in the senior role. A prodigious talent when he made his county debut in 1986, there was a danger that he would remain in the "promising" bracket until the day he retired. However, his bowling hustled his team to victory on Friday and he produced a responsible innings of 58 to give them the chance yesterday.

Ealham propels Kent to narrow victory

By Michael Henderson

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent beat Glamorgan by eight runs

TO WIN this game Kent had to play excellent cricket because, until the last five overs, it appeared to lie within Glamorgan's gift. But they girded their loins for one last effort and prevailed by virtue of bowling straight and deploying variations of pace. In other words, they played good cricket to win a very good match. One fact is signal: six Glamorgan batsmen were bowled.

Mark Ealham finished the game by hitting the stumps with successive balls. His last nine balls, bowled in two spells, brought five wickets for only one run. He bowled four batsmen, and had another leg before. Sunday cricket is frequently awful but this, in its own way, was superb stuff. Ealham has few equals in this kind of cricket.

Martin McCague set him up by supplying a wonderful over when Glamorgan required 31 from the last four, with six wickets in hand. He caught Adrian Dale's return drive, and when Tony Cottey was run out next ball by Trevor Ward from square leg Kent tails were up. Ealham had Shaw leg before in the following over and bowled Waqar next ball. Glamorgan had seen the match pinched from under their noses, although one can only praise Kent for the light-fingered way they went about it.

Robert Croft had given Glamorgan, who were chasing 239, the best possible start. Going in first, he made 50 from 33 balls with six fours and two sixes. He had made 34 before Stephen James got off the mark and it was all too bracing for Tim Wren, the left arm medium pacer, who bore the brunt of the punishment.

After Croft swung Paul Strang to long on, where Ealham took it on the gallop, James and Gary Butcher maintained the momentum with some sensible batting. One cannot really fault Glamorgan for pacing their reply indifferently. They needed 60 from the last 10 overs, which should be easy enough when you have six wickets in hand. On this occasion it wasn't.

Apart from his wickets and a good catch Ealham also performed well with the bat, making 61 before he was run out seeking a fourth run. That does not happen very often. They were important runs because Kent had thrown away a rousing start by batting carelessly.

Fleming gave them that start, hooking Watkin for six and driving Waqar for six more over extra cover. He had made 33 from 28 balls when he smashed Watkin over wideish mid-off and Butcher, running the better part of 40 yards from long-off, held an outstanding catch at full tilt. The standard of fielding was not the least impressive aspect of the day's play.

☐ Indian cricket officials have tightened security ahead of next week's key Independence Cup matches after anonymous callers threatened trouble, the organisers said yesterday. Extra police will man the last round of league matches — Sri Lanka v New Zealand at Hyderabad on Tuesday and India v Pakistan at Madras on Wednesday.

Gatting finds final flourish

By Jack Bailey

LORD'S (Derbyshire won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Derbyshire by four wickets

A BUSTLING partnership between Mike Gatting and young David Nash, which realised 62 for the sixth Middlesex wicket, brought them within sight of victory and, with ten required from the last over, Gatting's remarkable innings saw them home. His undefeated 82, from 83 balls, proved decisive as they won with a ball to spare.

The bold striking of Adams apart, Derbyshire's innings was chiefly notable for the time taken by several batsmen to reach the middle. It was baffling. Apart from Blackwell and Cassar, Derbyshire's batsmen had played in the recently completed championship game and there was no real excuse for anyone taking a wrong turning to the depths of the pavilion, as David Steele once did. All this meant that only 39 overs were completed by the 4.30pm cut-off time. The umpires decided that Middlesex were not to blame; so they set out with a full 40 overs ahead of them.

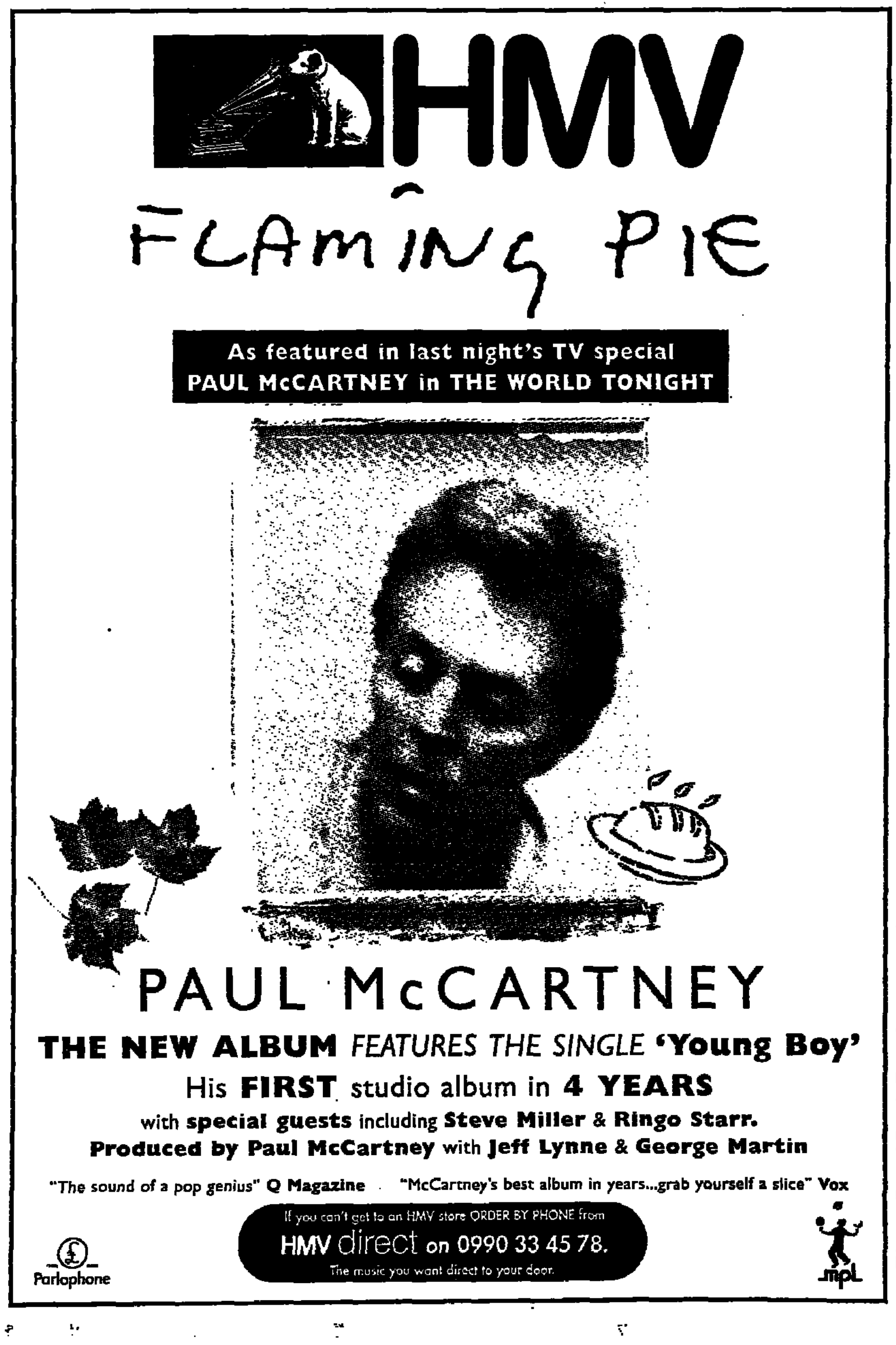
Interestingly, the Derbyshire total of 178 was well short of what the Duckworth-Lewis system would have decreed. The calculations of those mathematical sages, if taken when Derbyshire were 133 for one off 20 overs, would have led to a total requirement by Middlesex of 230.

The home side will have been grateful, then, that it did not rain. Pleased, too, that after Adams's 52 from 73 balls and his partnership of 66 for the first wicket with Jones, and then one of 38 with DeFreitas, only Cassar of the Derbyshire batsmen was able to put together a reasonable score. His 33, from 39 balls, paved the way to Derbyshire's respectable, but surpassable, total as Hewitt, Johnson and Dutch whittled them out and Weekes nipped in at the end.

Middlesex's start to their innings was far from reassuring, however. Kallis and Weekes were out with only 27 scored and, by the time the halfway stage was reached, they were 38 runs behind Derbyshire's total at the same point. Furthermore, Ramprakash was out soon afterwards and Brown followed to a superb catch by Jones at point. Hereabouts, Gatting was tied down.

With ten overs remaining, Middlesex were well adrift of their target. They still needed 76 and five wickets had gone when Nash joined his captain.

Nash's nimble running and deft placements, allied to some meaty straight fours from Gatting, saw the asking rate reduced to eight an over with four overs remaining. Harris, who had bowled well throughout, conceded only three runs from the next, and 29 from three overs seemed a tall order. Gatting had other ideas.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HOCKEY: BRITISH MEN AND WOMEN MADE TO STRUGGLE ON THE CONTINENT

Hightown's advance halted by Berliner

From a Correspondent in the Hague

HIGHTOWN'S hopes of qualifying for the final of the European club championship A division here were crushed yesterday in a 3-0 defeat by Berliner.

After Glasgow Western's 4-2 defeat by HGC, the home team, the Scots will meet the Merseysiders today in an all-British play-off for the bronze medal.

The Germans did not impress early on in the tournament, but they responded magnificently to the task yesterday, outplaying and outclassing their opponents for prolonged periods of the game.

Hightown failed to capitalise on several scoring opportunities in the opening exchanges and Berliner soon exerted a stranglehold on the match.

They hit the post twice and Natascha Keller missed a second-half penalty and, although Hightown earned six penalty corners and Tina Cullen always looked dangerous up front, a composed Berlin defence was seldom threatened.

Melanie Hansler put Berliner 1-0 up after 15 minutes and Keller showed her class with a fine solo goal eight minutes after the restart. Wibke Weisel delivered the decisive blow when she swept in a penalty corner.

In the other section, HGC, the champions on seven occasions, made sure of appearing in another final when they came from a goal down to end the Scots' ambitions of causing an upset.

Jackie Lothian fired Western into a ninth-minute lead from a penalty corner but it was short-lived, the Dutch going into a 3-1 lead after 41 minutes. Sue McDonald reduced the arrears two minutes later, but it only took Ingrid Dineen six more minutes to settle the issue.

Cannock fall short of European promotion

From a Correspondent in Cagliari

THE frustration of English clubs in the European men's hockey club championship continued yesterday when Cannock failed to reach the B division final. In addition, their 2-2 draw with the hosts, Amsicora, means that Reading, the new English champions, will remain in the lower division for another year.

There will, however, be an Irish presence in the A division next season. Their new champions, Lisnagarvey, are assured of their place among Europe's elite because Istonians earned a place in the B final, where they will meet Amsicora.

A place in the final looked beyond the Irish in their decider against White Star, of Belgium, for, with 15 minutes remaining, they trailed 2-0. Then two penalty-corner strikes by Paddy Brown, 21, a law student, gave them a draw and the point that left them on top of their group, ahead of White Star on goals scored. Both had identical points and goal difference.

Yet Cannock should have joined Istonians. They enjoyed a 2-0 advantage against Amsicora after 37 minutes, when Crutchley converted a penalty, three minutes after he had given them the lead from a penalty corner. Amsicora hit back with great tenacity and, although they suffered considerably from a lack of discipline, they eventually got back into the contest. Sanna, one of two players to receive a temporary suspension, cut the deficit from a corner and then, nine minutes from time, Raggio found the target from a similar set-piece. Amsicora thus reached the final on goal difference from Cannock.

Cannock could salvage something from the tournament by beating White Star in the match for bronze medal.

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RUGBY LEAGUE: WARRIORS BACK TO DESTRUCTIVE BEST AGAINST BLUE SOX AS THEY PREPARE FOR WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Wigan look to Farrell as Halifax are overrun

Halifax Blue Sox 18
Wigan Warriors 46

By Christopher Irvine

THE force is with Wigan again. Their position, at sixth in the Stones Super League, hardly reflects their improvement, nor will the concession of 18 points at Thrum Hall yesterday have pleased them, but their attack carried a familiar menace.

Such potency and poise as Wigan showed in carving Halifax apart did not go unnoticed from supporters whose patience has rarely been tested as much as this season. "Wigan are back," they cried at the end.

Maybe it was a 15-minute delay, while Steve Ganson navigated road works on his way to referee the match, to which an irate Halifax follower took exception. He strode on to the pitch after the fourth of Wigan's eight tries, jabbing an accusatory finger at Ganson, as if he was responsible for his team's shredded defence.

Not only were the stewards remarkably slow in reacting, one even politely opened a gate for him to return to the popular stand. The man gave himself up eventually but, with the penalty count 4-2 in Halifax's favour at that stage, it was hard to fathom his gripe.

Wigan conceded a second try by Pearson and one by Moana in the second half, but each of their four tries in reply was down to outstanding individualism. Halifax, far from playing badly, were simply transfixed by the pace and daring of the opposition.

Even more than the destruction of London Broncos last week, Wigan were at their most mercurial. It remains a year of transition, according to Eric Hughes, the Wigan coach, but at least now he has the best team available at his disposal. Four earlier defeats is too much ground to make up in the Super League, but Wigan will be looking to make an impact in the forthcoming World Club championship.

On yesterday's evidence, Halifax have more to fear than Wigan next month when they, too, must play Brisbane, Canberra and Canterbury away in opening group matches. Wigan are not yet the finished article. Without the organisation and inspiration of Andy Farrell, the pack could crumble, but the combination of Nigel Wright and Tony Smith at half-back is acting like a cattle prod in prompting a talented back line.

Wright, in only his second full game after 18 months of injury, ghosted through for an unstoppable solo try. It was only bettered by an earlier one by Jason Robinson, who ducked the challenges of Chester and Gillespie just inside his half and held off Munro in a race to the posts.

Halifax, a missed penalty goal away from drawing at Wigan on the opening day of the league season, never recovered from having two tries scored against them in the first six minutes. In expecting a pass on the last tackle, they were susceptible to Hall driving over from acting half-back. There was little they could do, however, as Wright chipped into space and Connolly gathered and put Smith away on his inside.

Pearson's first try was reward for persistence, before Cowie and Michael Jackson were sent to the sin bin for a flurry of punches. Before the break, Farrell popped up on either flank to despatch first Connolly and then Radlinski.

Moana and Pearson found gaps, which stung Wigan into action, first with Wright's try and then another charging break by Farrell to link up for Connolly's second try, before Tallec tore up the middle to apply the finishing touch.

SCORERS: Halifax: Tries: Pearson (2), Moana. Goals: Pearson (3). Wigan: Tries: Connolly (2), Hall, Smith, Radlinski, Robinson, Wright, Tallec. Goals: Farrell 7.
HALIFAX BLUE SOX: M Umaga; F Tuilagi, D Bouveng, M Pearson, D Munro; C Chester, C Dean; W Jackson, P Rowley, R Marshall, M Jackson, C Gillespie, M Moana. Substitutes: J Rushforth, P Highton, D Powell, M Slicker.
WIGAN WARRIORS: H Paul; J Robinson, G Connolly, K Radlinski, A Johnson; N Wright, A Smith; T O'Connor, M Hall, L Hansen, S Haughton, M Cassidy, A Farrell. Substitutes: N Cowie, G Tallec, D Cardiss, D Ellison.
Referee: S Ganson (St Helens).

ANDREW VARLEY

Chris Chester, of Halifax, finds there is no way past Gary Connolly during Wigan's 46-18 win at Thrum Hall

Paris challenge for Goodway

IT WILL be a case of out of the frying pan at Oldham and into the fire at Paris Saint-Germain for Andy Goodway, who is expected to succeed Peter Mulholland as coach of the French side this week (Christopher Irvine writes).

Paris, like Oldham, who dismissed Goodway last month, are in the bottom three of the Stones Super League and kept up their losing record at home on Saturday night in a 32-16 defeat by Sheffield Eagles, despite a hat-trick of tries by Tony Priddle, a substitute.

A ninth league defeat was in stark contrast to the evening at the Charlety Stadium 14 months previously, when Paris beat Sheffield at the launch of the Super League era and nearly 18,000 attended. The crowd on Saturday was 6,700 and the only tries by a Frenchman were the two by Jean-Marc Garcia, the Sheffield wing.

Goodway has only three weeks to prepare an erratic blend of mainly Australian personnel at Paris for their first three home games in the world club championship.

Sheffield's third league victory eased them away from the relegation zone. Paul Carr scored two first-half tries as the visitors surged into a 20-4 lead. Paris fought back briefly with a try by Phil Bergman, but their hopes ended when Paul Evans was dismissed for a high tackle.

Castleford, the bottom team, ended a dismal run of ten successive Super League defeats by beating Salford 12-10. The home side, who had lost twice to Salford earlier this season, earned their first win of the season through two tries from their winger Jason Roach and two goals from Danny Orr.

Harris leads Rhinos to dizzy heights

Oldham Bears 26
Leeds Rhinos 43

By a Correspondent

LEEDS RHINOS moved into second place in the Stones Super League, but they had to survive a remarkable fightback by Oldham Bears to reach such heights.

They led 28-4 just before half-time and appeared to be coasting to a comfortable win against a struggling home team suffering from an attack of generosity.

Helped by three gift tries — the result of slipshod defending, coupled with the luck of the bounce that invariably seems to go against teams at the bottom — Leeds raced into their big lead.

It was their Oldham-born signing, Iestyn Harris, who did much of the damage against his home-town club, scoring the first of Leeds' seven tries.

Dean Bell, the Leeds coach, summed up an entertaining afternoon: "We took our opportunities well in the first half but they are a hard team to shake off. I'm sure the neutrals found that to be a very entertaining game, although I suppose that, as a coach, I will see things differently.

"We are now at the dizzy height of second place, but we are not the finished article. We still have to improve to win trophies."

Bell believes that Leeds are still three players short of a trophy-winning team. Oldham's ambitions are more modest. Mid-table respectability will suit them and, judging by yesterday's enthusiasm, that should be achievable for Bob Lindner, the coach.

After falling behind to five first-half tries, they came back to within two points before Leeds produced their final flourish. An early Harris penalty gave Leeds the lead, but Oldham crossed the visitors' line three times without managing to score before Harris punished them with the opening try in the fifteenth minute.

Poor Oldham cover allowed Anthony Farrell to increase the Rhinos' lead before Oldham got on the score sheet with a try from David Jones.

Phil Hassan, the much-improved Leeds centre, raced away to increase Leeds' lead after 30 minutes, and Oldham fell further behind when Paul Sterling intercepted the ball near his own line and ran 90 yards for the visitors' fourth try.

A costly slip by Atcheson allowed Harris to pounce on a hopeful kick ahead by Collins and Leeds were 28-4 to the good.

On the stroke of half-time, Atchison crossed for Oldham's second try, and that was the start of a remarkable comeback.

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Luke Goodwin, the Australian loose forward, crossed for two tries in the space of 11 minutes, adding the conversions to both, and, when Martin Crompton, the captain, caught the Leeds defence half-asleep with just 12 minutes left, the gap was down to two points. A weary Goodwin missed a simple conversion — and that was the end of the Oldham rally.

Holroyd dropped a goal and Farrell and Hassan went in for late tries as Oldham ran out of steam.

SCORERS: Oldham: Tries: Atcheson, Jones, Crompton, Goodwin (2). Goals: Goodwin (3). Leeds: Tries: Sterling, Hassan (2), Harris (2), Farrell (2). Goals: Harris (4), Holroyd (3). Dropped goal: Holroyd.
OLDHAM: P Atcheson, D Jones, D Abram, H Hill, A Leuila, F Maloney, M Crompton, B Goldspink, D Stephenson, G Lord, M Munro, J Faimalo, L Goodwin.
Substitutes: A Nuttall, P Davidson, M Neal, J Clarke.
LEEDS: D Gibson, P Sterling, R Blackmore, P Hassan, F Cummings, I Harris, G Holroyd, M Masella, W Collins, B McDermott, A Morley, A Farrell, G Mercer.
Substitutes: R Sheridan, M St Hilaire, J Mathiou, A Hay.
Referee: S Presley (Castleford).

RUGBY UNION: INJURIES AND KEY PLAYERS' LACK OF FORM DISRUPT WORLD CHAMPIONS' PLANS

South Africans in fear of Lions mauling

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
in Durban

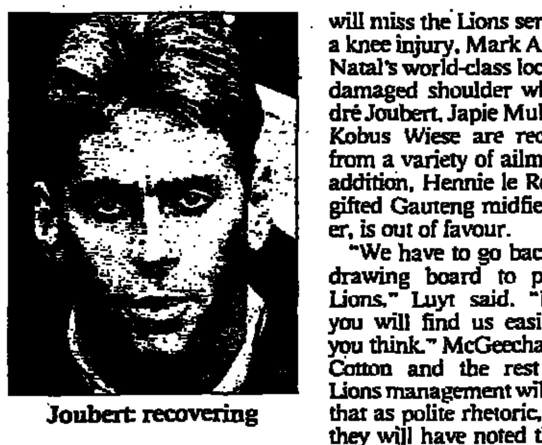
IN TIMES past the arrival of a British Isles team in South Africa would have provoked huge throngs at airports. Now the world is a smaller place, with sporting teams constantly jetting hither and thither, and there was only officialdom waiting when the 1997 Lions arrived in Johannesburg yesterday for their first visit to the Republic since 1980.

Yet the welcome, from Steve Tshwete, the Minister for Sport, and Louis Luyt, the president of the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu), was warm enough. They would like to see the Lions tour at two-yearly intervals rather than every four years. Indeed, Luyt would like to see his Springboks meeting the Lions on British soil, in which respect he is at one with Ian McGeechan, the Lions coach.

McGeechan has long fostered the belief that the Lions should play at home, as well as on tour, against visitors from South Africa, New Zealand and Australia; perhaps as the climax to tours — a privilege enjoyed by the Barbarians (of whose committee he is also a member). "To have a tour playing the four home unions and finishing against the Lions would be wonderful," Luyt said, acknowledging the difficulties that the Barbarians have raising teams in the professional era.

Luyt was in more modest mood than is frequently the case for the powerful arbiter of South Africa's rugby destiny. "I won't underestimate the Lions in any way," he said. "I don't think we have any advantage just because the Lions are coming from a hard domestic season. Most of the players you will see playing for South Africa have had a terrible Super 12 series, which is two seasons rolled into one for us."

He was speaking no more than the truth. South Africans concede that the provincial teams from New Zealand are two years ahead of their own, of whom Natal Sharks, their only representative in the Super 12 semi-finals, were dismissed 42-8 by Gauteng Lions (formerly Transvaal) on Saturday.



Joubert: recovering

Moreover, several leading players are injured or out of form. Jacques Olivier, the Northern Transvaal wing, will miss the Lions series with a knee injury, Mark Andrews, Natal's world-class lock, has a damaged shoulder while André Joubert, Japie Mulder and Kobus Wiese are recovering from a variety of ailments. In addition, Hennie le Roux, the gifted Gauteng midfield player, is out of favour.

"We have to go back to the drawing board to play the Lions," Luyt said. "Perhaps you will find us easier than you think." McGeechan, Fran Cotton and the rest of the Lions management will ignore that as polite rhetoric, though they will have noted the wistfulness in the voice of Tshwete who, as a politician, is aware that the unifying effect the 1995 World Cup had on his country has been dissipated.

The minister harked back to the invincible Lions of 1974, whose feats he listened to on the radio while a political prisoner on Roben Island with Nelson Mandela, now the state president. "At that time we didn't want the Lions to come but, since they had, we wanted them to win," Tshwete said.

"But the entire nation is behind the Springboks in the new South Africa and we hope we will have a festival season through rugby. The exigencies of this country suggest that rugby has the potential to become a unifying force. We are not looking for a miracle where everything mushrooms overnight, but it is a process for which not just Sarfu, but all South Africans, have responsibility."

The Lions will do well to remember the unique passion for rugby here, to remember that they, too, can play a role in the development process, starting next Saturday when they are scheduled to attend clinics for youngsters from underprivileged areas in Port Elizabeth before the opening match against an Eastern Province Invitation XV. The best touring teams create their own image, and not only on the field of play.

Leeds left behind by Exeter

By Our Sports Staff

EXETER, by virtue of a 13-3 victory at Reading, are the Courage Clubs Championship third division champions. Leeds and Fylde, the other two contenders for promotion, completed their league programmes last week, so Exeter knew they had to win in order to leapfrog them both.

The result means that Leeds, for all their financial muscle and the help provided by Colin Stephens and Phil Davies, the former Wales internationals, will be staying put, while Fylde, who finished second, are promoted to the second division with Exeter.

In the Super 12 tournament, Auckland Blues maintained their unbeaten run as the round-robin stage of the competition finished.

Trailing New South Wales Waratahs 20-13 at half-time, the champions were subjected to an impromptu mini-training session during the interval by Graham Henry, their coach. This seemed to have the desired effect and Auckland scored 21 points without reply in the second half to win the match 34-20.

Australian Capital Territory Brumbies finished second, and therefore join Auckland as the two teams granted home advantage in the semi-finals, to be played this Saturday.

Auckland will play Natal Sharks, who collapsed against a resurgent Gauteng Lions side on Saturday evening, while ACT will play Wellington Hurricanes in a re-run of their game on Saturday, which ACT won 35-29.

☐ Bristol have sacked David Tyler, the club chief executive, only seven weeks after he took up his post. Although the club retained its first-division status with victory over Bedford in the relegation play-offs last weekend, Tyler has been made redundant as part of a cost-cutting restructuring programme.

Barbarians sweep all before them in dashing return

By Barry Trowbridge

AFTER an absence of 63 years, the Barbarians returned to the final stages of the Middlesex Sevens on Saturday and maintained their unbeaten record in the event, their all-conquering exploits reaching a peak when they saw off a totally outclassed Saracens VII 57-5 in the final.

Captained by Dave Scully, a member of the England VII that lifted the world crown in 1993, steadied by Derek Eves and Adam Roxburgh and ignited by four Fijians, the Barbarians provided the tournament with just the boost it needed as a combination of an exhausting season and summer tour commitments denuded domestic clubs of all but a handful of the game's top players.

Wasps, Leicester, Bath, Sale, Bristol and Orrell did all reach the last eight on Saturday, but it was the last eight of the plate — the subsidiary tournament, for first-round losers — with London Scottish, Blackheath and a scratch Richmond VII among their conquerors; not the stuff of sponsors' dreams.

In the past two years, Ithuba, a representative side from the townships of western Cape Province, and the rugby league warriors from Wigan lit up Twickenham with their distinctive styles, albeit that the South Africans finally had to give best to Leicester but Scully's Barbarians were every bit as innovative and bettered by one Wigan's impressive haul of 25 tries in four matches.

Johnson breaks clear to score for the Barbarians at Twickenham. Photograph: Allsport/John Gichigi

Twelve tries for Fiji when they won the World Cup Sevens in Hong Kong in March was the pedigree that Marika Vunibaka took into the tournament, and with three hat-tricks — after which he was substituted on each occasion — he helped himself to ten more. Jope Tuikabe and Inoke Maraiwai each scored four and Lemeki Koroi added another two to emphasise just how adept Fijians are at the truncated game, although it was Brendon Daniel, a New Zealander who was playing for the other Barbarians on show on Saturday — the South American Barbarians — who most impressed the disappointingly sparse Twickenham crowd.

Only 19 and easily recognisable by his gleaming pate, Daniel may not yet have the physical presence of Lomu or Tuigamala, but his is surely a name to remember. He scored five tries in his three matches, and his tackling, too, was rock solid as Muna Ebongalame, of Saracens, discovered just as he was heading off on a would-be glory run deep into the second half of their semi-final.

Thanks to a try by Chris Davis and the decisive one, in sudden-death extra time, by Philip Friel, Saracens did indeed reach the final: the Barbarians, though, were always going to be beyond them.

The fastest try of the day was scored by Mike Friday, of Blackheath, just 15 seconds into their first-round match against Leicester and it set up what proved to be the best match of the competition. With Niall Malone and Joel Stransky looking ominous, Leicester came back to lead 28-12 two minutes into the second half, only for Stransky to be carried off with a knee injury, before Blackheath, through Mitch Hoare, Mick Harris and Andy Park, recovered to win 33-28.

Of late, the Barbarian ethos has been questioned. On Saturday, it once more proved its worth — especially the Fiji branch.

SCORERS: Barbarians: Tries: Vunibaka (3), Tuikabe (2), Eves, Maraiwai, Roxburgh, Johnson. Conversions: Scully (5), Hepher. Saracens: Try: Van Niekerk.
BARBARIANS: L Koroi (Prisons and Fiji), I Maraiwai (Queen Victoria School OB and Fiji), M Vunibaka (Port Authority and Fiji); D Scully (Wakefield), A Roxburgh (Kelso), D Eves (Coventry), J Tuikabe (Army and Fiji). Roxburgh replaced by O Williams (Cardiff, 14min); Maraiwai replaced by A Hepher (Northampton, 14); Vunibaka replaced by B Johnson (Newbury and Army, 15).
SARACENS: M Ebongalame, R Sorrell, S Ravenscroft; P Friel, G Clark, K Chesney, B Sternham. Ebongalame replaced by H van Niekerk (7); Sorrell replaced by C Davis (13); Chesney replaced by S Gregory (18).
Referee: R C Rees (London).

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RACING: BHB CHAIRMAN SEEKS PLACE ON BOARD OF TOTE

Wakeham faces criticism over new directorship

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

LORD WAKEHAM, chairman of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), was bracing himself for fresh controversy last night over plans to extend his substantial list of directorships by joining the board of the Tote.

The former Cabinet minister volunteered for the job, worth around £10,000 a year, as he believes it will strengthen the BHB's links with the pool betting organisation — and received unanimous backing from BHB board members.

However, his wish to join the Tote, which will need the approval of Jack Straw, the new Home Secretary, has provoked considerable criticism from senior racing figures. "Can you think of anyone less suited to the job? It really is appalling," one BHB insider said.

Wakeham, who is also chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, holds a dozen directorships including the Michael Page Group and Vosper Thorneycroft Holdings. Not for the first time, his critics believe he will have insufficient time for yet more board meetings.

Significantly, the BHB's nomination of Wakeham for the Tote board and other important internal board appointments came at the last meeting before the shape of the BHB is radically changed. At next month's meeting, four of the directorships change and among the new faces on the BHB will be Peter Savill, an outspoken critic of Wakeham. "The BHB has acted in undue haste in anticipation of the shape of the board changing. They have deliberately rushed it," another critic said.

Wakeham, who would take the place of Peter Jones — one of the front runners for the Tote chairmanship — on the Tote board, insisted yesterday he had sufficent time for the job. "I would not dream of doing it otherwise. Ever since I became chairman I have argued it was unrealistic that the BHB should take over the Tote, but I have always said the most important thing was for the Tote to be properly run for the benefit of racing. To strengthen the links between the BHB and the Tote is a very desirable objective.

"It is not empire building. It was thought by my colleagues to be the best situation — and perfectly logical."

He said the new appointments agreed at the last BHB meeting — including Matthew McCloy joining the board of RaceTech and Angus Crichton-Miller, the new Racecourse Assocation chairman, joining the Levy Board — had to be taken because existing appointments to such bodies were due to expire.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of Wakeham's wish to join the board, the unhappiness it has provoked in certain circles underlines, yet again, the friction that continues to exist among those that run the sport. There is a growing concern that the BHB has lost its way and critics are hoping the arrival of Rhydian Morgan-Jones and Savill will produce a sense of urgency and direction.

The Sheikh Mohammed inspired Godolphin team faces troubles of a different kind: trying to find out why their prized thoroughbreds have been running so poorly. "We are still waiting for the results of tests on the horses which have been sent to Dubai," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said yesterday. "We won't have any runners this week."

On a happier note, Henry Cecil yesterday issued a bullish bulletin on Bosra Sham, last year's outstanding 1,000 Guineas and Champion Stakes winner, who is due to reappear in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown a week tomorrow before being aimed at the Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot, and the Eclipse Stakes.

"She's in very good form and has improved since last year," Cecil said of the Wafic Said-owned filly. "She's not had the pain she felt last year when she had to stand in her box for six weeks due to problems with her feet."

RICHARD EVANS

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Grand Cru, left, ridden by the apprentice, Daragh O'Donohoe, holds off Thaljanah by a short head in the You Handicap at Newbury yesterday. Victory came at a price for O'Donohoe, who was suspended for three days (May 27-29) for careless riding. The most impressive performance on the card came from Bold Edge, the Richard Hannon-trained juvenile who made a winning debut in the Financial Mail on Sunday Maiden Stakes. Hannon has several two-year-olds on course for Royal Ascot, but Bold Edge, brother to the speedy Brave Edge, jumped ahead of them with this win for his owner-breeder, Lady Whent. "He's the best two-year-old I've got at the moment — he's got everything," Hannon said. Bold Edge will contest either the Norfolk or Coventry Stakes at Ascot.

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2.15 Space Race
2.45 Master Millfield
3.15 First Dance
3.45 Mutasawwar
4.15 Solo Mio
4.45 Natural Eight
5.15 Star Precision
5.45 Night Harmony

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 **SOLO MIO.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 *Mutasawwar.*

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

2.15 50 YEARS OF TIMEFORM MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,570: 1m 5yd) (17 runners)

101	(9)	-30325	ABAJANY 4 (BF) (J White) M Channon 9-0	P P Murphy (5)	90
102	(6)		ANOTHER VICTIM (J Milton) M Blanshard 9-0	J Quinn	—
103	(7)		BLUE CALVINE (J Hall) C Hill 9-0	N Adams	—
104	(11)	0	BLUE ISLAND 25 (E Carter) I Campbell 9-0	A Whelan (3)	—
105	(12)	00	HEVER GOLF CHARMER 15 (Hever Racing) T Naughton 9-0	S Sanders	—
106	(10)	00-0	KEEN DANCER 26 (Mrs A Farrant) M Bell 9-0	M Roberts	83
107	(16)	222-23	MR PARADISE 21 (BF) (G Archer) T Naughton 9-0	D Holland	95
108	(13)	0-00	SEAMUS 28 (Duckhaven Stud) C Hill 9-0	A McGlone	—
109	(8)	40	SPACE RACE 16 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0	L Dettori	[illegible]
110	(15)	003-00	TARTAN PARTY 7 (B) (Mrs M McMillan) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	82
111	(2)	0000-4	WARRING 14 (M Saunders) M Saunders 9-0	F Norton	79
112	(3)	4-6	ARRIVING 20 (Wyck Hall Stud) J Hills 8-9	M Hills	85
113	(4)		CERTAIN SURPRISE (Miss J Smith) M Madgwick 8-9	R Perham	—
114	(1)	0-5	ELEGANT DANCE 14 (Mrs C Dowling) J Sheehan 8-9	Dane O'Neill	90
115	(5)	-60000	JOYFUL JOY 26 (E Bennion) B Baugh 8-9	G Hind	—
116	(14)		KHAMSIN (S Lansdown Racing) M Heaton-Ellis 8-9	A Clark	—
117	(17)	3	TWIN TIME 114 (S Carter) M Heaton-Ellis 8-9	S Drowne	75

BETTING: 3-1 Arriving, 4-1 Abajany, 6-1 Mr Paradise, 13-2 Space Race, Twin Time, 10-1 Tartan Party, 12-1 Keen Dancer, 16-1 others

1996: DIVINA LUNA 8-9 M Hills (12-1) J Hills 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABAJANY ¾l 2nd of 11 to Jack The Lad in handicap at Carlisle (1m, good to soft). MR PARADISE 5½l 3rd of 13 to Keen Alert in maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m). SPACE RACE 7½l 4th of 5 to Pofeen in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good). TARTAN PARTY 5½l 3rd of 8 to Supreme Sound in auction maiden at Nottingham (1m 2f, good), Oct 96. WARRING about 1½l 4th of 15 to The Gay Fox in handicap at Warwick (7f, firm). ELEGANT DANCE 9l 5th of 13 to Zahzine in maiden at Kempton (1m, good).
Selection: WARRING

2.45 TIMEFORM BLACK BOOK & RATINGS HANDICAP
(£3,366: 1m 5yd) (18)

201	(5)	65400-	ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 191 (M Lawrance) N Berry 4-9-10	R Perham	87
202	(10)	06250-	ERIC'S BETT 166J (D,G)(R White) P Murphy 4-9-9	D Harrison	89
203	(13)	30-000	UTMOST ZEAL 23 (B,F) (Thanet Leasing) P Harris 4-9-7	C Lowther (7)	89
204	(2)	22-000	MASTER MILLFIELD 8 (C,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 5-9-6	M Roberts	95
205	(4)	06000-	CASTEL ROSSELO 320 (D,F,G,S) (T Dawson) I Campbell 7-9-5	R Price	96
206	(14)	0-4300	ETHBAAT 37 (D,F,G) (Over The Bridge) M Heaton-Ellis 6-9-1	A Clark	98
207	(15)	13300-	NOEPROB 299 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs P Bradshaw) R Hodges 7-9-1	Amanda Sanders (5)	90
208	(3)	0443-0	CA'D'ORO 39 (CD,G) (Miss S Sarre) G Balding 4-9-1	S Drowne	92
209	(16)	260-30	CHARLTON IMP 23 (CD,F,G) (R Hodges) R Hodges 4-9-0	L Dettori	92
210	(9)	4200-0	PADDY'S RICE 28 (F) (Mrs R Wellman) M Blanshard 6-8-13	J Quinn	95
211	(6)	0000-0	COUNTRY THATCH 54 (Mrs B Sumner) C Morgan 4-8-12	Paul Eddery	85
212	(17)	000-00	GREAT CHIEF 40 (Mrs S Buckland) E Jones 4-8-10	A McGlone	—
213	(3)	000-00	DELIGHT OF DAWN 13 (B,D,F,G) (Diamond Engineering) E Wheeler 5-8-9	A Daly (5)	38
214	(11)	300410	GOLD LANCE 10 (D,F) (Mrs E Marchant) R O'Sullivan 4-8-6	S Sanders	[illegible]
215	(18)	315-00	SHOULDBEGREY 23 (V,CD,S) (B Levy) W Muir 4-8-2	Dane O'Neill	94
216	(7)	000-56	PROUD BRIGADIER 31 (CD,F,G,S) (S Edwards) M Bosley 9-8-1	—97	97
217	(12)	000-50	RICHARD HOUSE LAD 14 (CD,F) (D Morrall) R Hollinshead 4-8-1	N Carlisle	94
218	(1)	00005-	VANBOROUGH LAD 25J (CD,F,G,S) (A Galbraith) M Bolton 8-7-11	R Ffrench (5)	93

BETTING: 13-2 Ethbaat, 7-1 Gold Lance, 10-1 Noeprob, Ca'd'oro, Charlton Imp, Delight Of Dawn, 12-1 Eric's Bett, Master Millfield, 16-1 others

1996: LEGUARD EXPRESS 8-7-4 J Stamford (8-1) O O'Neill 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 2½l 4th of 12 to Maid For Baileys in handicap at Epsom (1m 114yd, good to firm), Sep 96. ERIC'S BETT 1½l 2nd of 10 to Give Me A Ring in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm), Jul 96. NOEPROB two short-heads 2nd of 15 to Total Rach in seller at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm) Jul 96. CA'D'ORO 2½l 3rd of 26 to Amber Fort in handicap at Newbury (7f, soft) on penultimate start. CHARLTON IMP best effort 3½l 3rd of 6 to Sylvan Princess in handicap at Leicester (1m, firm). GOLD LANCE beat Square Mile Miss neck in selling handicap at Pontefract (1m, good to firm).
Selection: ERIC'S BETT

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

3.15 TIMEFORM RACE CARD NOVICE STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,246: 5f 11yd) (8 runners)

301	(8)	1	BALLET RAMBERT 20 (CD,F) (Mrs J Waid) M Heaton-Ellis 8-13	R Ffrench (5)	96
302	(6)		CARVER JOHN (Unity Farm) P Cundell 8-12	R Perham	—
303	(4)		CAVERSFIELD (W Kelly) R Hannon 8-12	Dane O'Neill	—
304	(3)		HUGGER-MUGGER (B) (A Robinson) J Arnold 8-12	P Bloomfield	—
305	(2)	0	MEANS BUSINESS 41 (Thurloe Thoroughbreds) B Meehan 8-12	R Hughes	—
306	(5)		THE RICH MAN (Marston Stud) B Hills 8-12	M Hills	—
307	(1)	12	DIM OTS 14 (D,BF,F) (Mrs D Hughes) B Palling 8-9	T Sprake	[illegible]
308	(7)	4	FIRST DANCE 14 (Cheveley Park) R Hannon 8-7	Pat Eddery	86

BETTING: 3-1 Ballet Rambert, Dim Ots, 4-1 Caversfield, 9-2 The Rich Man, First Dance, 20-1 others

1996: FOR OLD TIMES SAKE 8-11 G Carter (6-4 fav) J Berry 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLET RAMBERT beat Cloudberry 5l in 11-runner auction maiden at Bath (5f, good to firm). MEANS BUSINESS 9½l 7th of 9 to Blushing Victoria in maiden at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). DIM OTS ½l 2nd of 7 to Jackerin in auction novice at Doncaster (5f, good). FIRST DANCE 3¾l 4th of 9 to Eastern Lyric in maiden at Warwick (5f, firm).
Selection: FIRST DANCE

3.45 TIMEFORM PHONE SERVICE LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,374: 5f 11yd) (4 runners)

401	(2)	300-1	CAUDA EQUINA 20 (CD,F) (M Foy) M Channon 9-0	P P Murphy (5)	92
402	(1)	3-0603	DIVIDE AND RULE 13 (D,F) (M Johnson) R Hollinshead 8-11	D Griffiths (3)	97
403	(4)	00-4	MUTASAWWAR 15 (H al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-11	R Hills	[illegible]
404	(3)	130-00	SILVER PURSE 7 (C,F) (A Jones) A P Jones 8-8	S Drowne	94

BETTING: 5-6 Cauda Equina, 9-4 Mutasawwar, 6-1 Divide And Rule, 8-1 Silver Purse

1996: TOTAL ALOOF 8-11 M Hills (11-4 fav) W Haggas 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAUDA EQUINA beat Nopalea 1½l in 10-runner seller at Bath (5f, good to firm). DIVIDE AND RULE 5¾l 3rd of 14 to Dancethenightaway in handicap at Chester (5f, soft). MUTASAWWAR 3¾l 4th of 11 to Smart Kid in maiden at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). SILVER PURSE 13l last of 9 to Head Over Heels in listed race at Newbury (5f, good) Aug 96.
Selection: DIVIDE AND RULE

4.15 TIMEFORM SILVER TANKARD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: £3,231: 1m 2f 46yd) (12 runners)

501	(2)	05	LIGHT REFLECTIONS 8 (Miss J Collison) P Murphy 4-9-12	N Adams	80
502	(10)	3-	NIGELS CHOICE 186J (Duckhaven Stud) C Hill 5-9-12	D O'Shea	61
503	(3)	0/0	SASSY STREET 12J (R J Houghton) R J Houghton 4-9-12	S Sanders	—
504	(5)	05	TRAMLINE 13 (H Frampton) M Blanshard 4-9-12	J Quinn	71
505	(6)	0-0	CANADIAN JIVE 9 (Hymns Vale Racing) D Arbuthnot 4-9-7	R Price	—
506	(11)	2	MYSTIC STRAND 28 (D Bell) W G M Turner 4-9-7	D McGaffin (7)	81
507	(8)	05	BIG TARGET 14 (K Mackay) M Stoute 3-8-12	R Hills	87
508	(4)	0	LEGENDARY LOVER 30 (M Myers) R Charlton 3-8-12	T Sprake	—
509	(9)	020-2	SOLO MIO 13 (W Said) B Hills 3-8-12	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
510	(12)		WOODY'S BOY (L Woodcock) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-12	S Drowne	—
511	(1)		BRIGHT FOUNTAIN (Mrs D Porandi) H Candy 3-8-7	A McGlone	—
512	(7)	66	FANTASTIC FLAME 14 (C Stelling) P Makin 3-8-7	M Roberts	93

BETTING: 13-8 Solo Mio, 9-2 Big Target, 5-1 Mystic Strand, Fantastic Flame, 10-1 Legendary Lover, 14-1 Nigels Choice, Sassy Street, 20-1 others

1996: PRIVATE SONG 3-8-12 Pat Eddery (4-5 fav) R Charlton 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

NIGELS CHOICE 6¾l 3rd of 9 to Bag Of Tricks in claimer at Brighton (1m 4f, firm). TRAMLINE about 6½l 5th of 15 to Lord Euphinis in maiden at Doncaster (1m, good). MYSTIC STRAND 4l 2nd of 4 to Moon Blast in maiden at Brighton (1m, firm). BIG TARGET 9l 9th of 20 to Dokos in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start. SOLO MIO 1½l 2nd of 10 to Conon Falls in maiden at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, soft).
Selection: SOLO MIO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Stoute	9	24	37.5	M Henry	9	38	23.7
R Charlton	14	39	35.9	Pat Eddery	24	102	23.5
H Candy	4	14	28.6	D Griffiths	3	14	21.4
W Hern	7	36	19.4	L Dettori	13	64	20.3
J Hills	10	53	18.9	R Hughes	12	62	17.6

4.45 TIMEFORM SILVER TANKARD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: £3,231: 1m 2f 46yd) (11 runners)

601	(5)	60-	BONANZA PEAK 207 (G Ocaro) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-12	L Dettori	—
602	(11)	00-34	HAPPY MEDIUM 77 (Mrs A Devine) G Enright 4-9-12	A Daly (5)	79
603	(6)	3/30-0	MOON COLONY 16 (Mrs B Lazarus) Lady Herries 4-9-12	D O'Shea	72
604	(7)	03	CHIEF MONARCH 14 (Miss N Jefford) B Smart 3-8-12	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
605	(9)	3-52	NATURAL EIGHT 20 (Mrs M Siu) B Hills 3-8-12	M Hills	97
606	(3)	0	RIVER PILOT 30 (Lady Rothschild) R Charlton 3-8-12	T Sprake	97
607	(10)	0-0	ROYAL CASTLE 31 (Lord Weinstock) W Hern 3-8-12	Paul Eddery	84
608	(8)	0-0	SADLER'S BLAZE 23 (Newly United) P Harris 3-8-12	A Clark	—
609	(4)	00-	STAHR 192 (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 3-8-12	N Adams	76
610	(1)	0-6	WHIRLAWHILE 9 (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-8-12	D O'Donohoe (3)	80
611	(2)	00-0	GORE HILL 14 (S Hinton) M Blanshard 3-8-7	J Quinn	—

BETTING: 2-1 Natural Eight, 7-2 Chief Monarch, 6-1 Whirlawhile, 10-1 Moon Colony, River Pilot, 12-1 Bonanza Peak, Royal Castle, 14-1 others

1996: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

HAPPY MEDIUM 8¾l 4th of 13 to River Captain in maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). MOON COLONY best effort 5½l 3rd of 9 to Stage Pass in conditions race at Evry (1m 4f, firm) on penultimate start. CHIEF MONARCH 3¾l 3rd of 17 to Battlesmere in maiden at Kempton (1m, good).
NATURAL EIGHT ¾l 2nd of 11 to Maid Of Camelot in maiden over course and distance (good to firm). STAHR best effort 21l 10th of 16 to Musalsal in maiden at Leicester (1m, good) on penultimate start.
WHIRLAWHILE about 11l 8th of 10 to Genblesse in maiden at Lingfield (1m 2f, soft).
Selection: CHIEF MONARCH (nap)

5.15 TIMEFORM PERSPECTIVE & RATINGS FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,488: 1m 5f 22yd) (8 runners)

1	(5)	230-14	PREMIER NIGHT 14 (F) (D Churston) S Dow 4-10-0	R Hughes	91
2	(1)	6230-0	CLASSIC PARISIAN 7 (Classic Bloodstock) I Campbell 4-9-11	R Price	90
3	(6)	225163	RASAYEL 11 (CD,F,G) (Pentons Haulage) P Evans 7-9-11	K Fallon	[illegible]
4	(2)	5242-0	MIGHTY PHANTOM 20 (F,G) (M Wauchope) J Hills 4-9-10	M Henry (3)	98
5	(8)	05-22	NIGHT MIRAGE 24 (BF) (G Middlebrook) M Johnston 3-8-7	L Dettori	95
6	(3)	065-1	STAR PRECISION 20 (G) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 3-8-5	S Drowne	98
7	(7)	230-06	DAILY SPORT GIRL 9J (G) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 8-7-10	J Quinn	80
8	(4)	0500-0	MISS PRAVDA 28 (F) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 4-7-10	D O'Shea	83

BETTING: 9-4 Night Mirage, 5-2 Star Precision, 4-1 Rasayel, 6-1 Premier Night, 8-1 Mighty Phantom, 12-1 Classic Parisian, 20-1 Daily Sport Girl, 33-1 Miss Pravda

1996: PARADISE WATERS 4-8-13 J Reid (11-4 fav) R J Houghton 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PREMIER NIGHT best effort beat Mardi Gras 2l in 9-runner maiden at Folkestone (1m 4f, firm) on penultimate start. CLASSIC PARISIAN best effort 2l 3rd of 9 to Tessajoe in handicap at Catterick (1m 4f, good to firm), Sep 96. RASAYEL neck and head 3rd of 11 to The Butterwick Kid in handicap at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, heavy). MIGHTY PHANTOM best effort 5l 2nd of 4 to Good Hand in handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, firm) on penultimate start. NIGHT MIRAGE 5l 2nd of 8 to Little Acorn in handicap at Carlisle (1m 4f, good). STAR PRECISION beat Peppers 2½l in handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good) with Rasayel (2lb better off) about 10l 6th.
Selection: RASAYEL

5.45 TIMEFORM DAY AT BATH HANDICAP
(£3,269: 5f 161yd) (19 runners)

1	(4)	10300-	DON PEPE 186 (D,F,G) (Mrs E Aird) R Boss 6-9-10	L Dettori	94
2	(18)	440-54	TINKER OSMASTON 8 (CD,F,S) (J Luff) M Saunders 6-9-8	R Hughes	95
3	(13)	00-002	TYMEERA 14 (D,F,G) (Glenbrook Assocs) B Palling 4-9-6	C Lowther (7)	[illegible]
4	(12)	602510	RUNS IN THE FAMILY 2 (B,D,BF,G,S) (G Greenwood) G McCourt 5-9-5	D Harrison	97
5	(14)	514300	IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 39 (B,F,G) (D Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-3	D Biggs	95
6	(9)	4-0065	NIGHT HARMONY 2 (Gilberts Animal Feed) Miss S Wilton 4-9-0	K Fallon	90
7	(15)	3300-0	ITSINTHEPOST 14 (D,G) (First Class) V Soane 4-8-13	N Adams	95
8	(16)	000-06	ROCKCRACKER 23 (B,CD,F) (P Ason) G Margarson 5-8-13	M Henry (3)	89
9	(11)	000-	PERCHANCE TO DREAM 231 (Mrs S Jontt) B Millman 3-8-11	W J O'Connor	89
10	(5)	33-634	JOHN O'DREAMS 10 (CD,F,G,S) (T Hillam) Mrs A King 12-8-10	M Roberts	98
11	(17)	014214	WILL TO WIN 7 (D,G) (Mrs P Wyatt) P Murphy 3-8-8	S Drowne	97
12	(1)	80000-	DEERLY 245 (D,G) (D Holder) R Dickin 4-8-6	G Hind	89
13	(8)	04-0	DANCING MYSTERY 41 (Austin Stroud) E Wheeler 3-8-5	A Daly (5)	86
14	(2)	0-6244	FLYING HAROLD 10 (M Allen) M Channon 4-8-3	P P Murphy (5)	98
15	(3)	540400	BOFFY 15 (B,D,G) (I Gillies) B Baugh 4-7-13	F Norton	93
16	(10)	0/5500	ARNIE 2 (M Culling) J Poulton 5-7-10	J Fowle (7)	95
17	(7)	00-000	AMNESTY BAY 75 (G) (M Usher) M Usher 5-7-10	J Marshall	—
18	(6)	000/0	POSITIVE RESULT 11 (H McGahon) R J Price 5-7-10	D O'Shea	—
19	(19)	04000-	THE NOBLE OAK 257 (D,F,G) (Cleeve Stables) M Bolton 9-7-10	C Cogan (7)	84

BETTING: 11-2 Runs In The Family, 8-1 Don Pepe, Tinker Osmaston, Tymeera, Ivory's Grab Hire, 10-1 Rockcracker, John O'Dreams, Will To Win, 12-1 others.

1996: JUCEA 7-9-8 J Reid (11-4 fav) J Spearing 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DON PEPE best effort about ½l 2nd of 19 to Saddlehome in handicap at Newcastle (6f, good to firm) Oct 96. TINKER OSMASTON about 2l 4th of 8 to Intiaash in handicap at Bath (5f, good to soft). TYMEERA ½l 2nd of 13 to Shadow Jury in conditions race at Warwick (6f, firm) with ITSINTHEPOST (7lb better off) 7l 8th. RUNS IN THE FAMILY best effort beat Willow Dale 4l in 13-runner handicap at Lingfield (5f, good) on penultimate start, with JOHN O'DREAMS (13lb better off) about 5¾l 4th. JOHN O'DREAMS about 7½l 6th of 9 to Anselman in claimer at Ripon (5f, good to firm), Apr 97. WILL TO WIN best effort beat Julia's Relative 1¼l in 9-runner seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) on penultimate start.
Selection: JOHN O'DREAMS

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

6.15 Philistar. 6.45 Al's Fella. 7.15 Signs And Wonders. 7.45 Summer Deal. 8.15 Tommy Tortoise. 8.45 Another Night.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F, HIGH BEST — SIS

6.15 EDWARD SYMMONS & PTNRS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,878: 1m 67yd) (18 runners)
SKY

1	(3)	4521	JIBEREEN 42 (D,G,S) P Howling 5-9-10	Paul Eddery	92
2	(5)	234-	CAMP FOLLOWER 325 (G) D O'Brien 4-9-8	G Bardwell	[illegible]
3	(19)	-266	PHILISTAR 7 (G) J Eustace 4-9-4	J Tate	96
4	(8)	5-40	SAXON BAY 11 K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-4	T Field (7)	85
5	(1)	0550	FAILED TO HIT 14 (V,F) N Littmoden 4-9-3	D Griffiths (3)	86
6	(2)	40-0	GREEN BOPPER 30 (D,G) C Morlock 4-9-3	R Perham	88
7	(6)	1/5	SEA DREAMS 18 (S) D Hyde 6-9-2	J D Smith	—
8	(12)	3600	SEA SPOUSE 11 (D,G,S) M Blanshard 6-9-1	J Reid	80
9	(14)	3-06	FINSBURY FLYER 7 (G) R Hodges 4-9-0	R Ffrench (5)	90
10	(9)	343-	CAPE PIGEON 249 (V,CD,G) L Cottrell 12-8-13	D Holland	88
11	(13)	50-0	JONA HOLLEY 14 I Balding 4-8-13	L Masterson (7)	84
12	(10)	6000	CAUDILLO 31 (D,G) Mrs P Duffield 4-8-10	Aimee Cook (5)	75
13	(15)	006-	QUEEN OF SHANNON 184J P Carroll 9-8-10	R Studholme (7)	75
14	(11)		SWITCH TO SENATE D Cosgrove 3-8-10	M Rimmer	—
15	(16)	-060	SHERWOOD 13 K Ivory 4-8-8	Martin Dwyer (3)	65
16	(4)	0-00	LITTLE PROGRESS 21 T Jones 3-8-1	A Whelan (3)	66
17	(17)	60	SOVEREIGN 13 M Muggeridge 3-7-10	N Varley	—
19	(7)	00-0	DOZEN ROSES 27 (B) T Jones 3-7-10	N Carlisle	68

4-1 Cape Pigeon, 9-2 Philistar, 13-2 Jibereen, Sea Spouse, 7-1 others

6.45 EBF DIBB LUPTON ALSOP MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,144: 5f 10yd) (11)
SKY

1	(3)		AL'S FELLA P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
2	(6)		BANDBOX S Mellor 9-0	M Wigham	—
3	(7)		CARROWKEEL B Hills 9-0	M Hills	—
4	(8)		READY FONTAINE J Neville 9-0	A McGlone	—
5	(1)		ALLASELLA B Palling 8-9	T Sprake	—
6	(5)	606	BLISS 20 Mrs P Duffield 8-9	Aimee Cook (5)	84
7	(4)	0	DIXIE CROSSROADS 30 R Hannon 8-9	Dane O'Neill	90
8	(2)		JILTED R Hannon 8-9	Pat Eddery	—
9	(9)	03	SWANMORE LADY 27 S C Williams 8-9	D R McCabe	[illegible]
10	(10)		THE HONORABLE LADY M Channon 8-9	A Eddery (7)	—
11	(11)		TWENTYTWO BLACK M Haynes 8-9	J Reid	—

11-4 Al's Fella, 4-1 Carrowkeel, 5-1 Jilted, Dixie Crossroads, 7-1 others

7.15 NAISMITHS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,467: 5f 10yd) (11)
SKY

1	(1)	21-0	CHILI CONCERTO 18 (CD,G) P Makin 9-7	S Sanders	90
2	(9)	2560	ELLENS LAD 5 (D,F,G) R Hannon 9-7	J Reid	91
3	(5)	4210	LAMARITA 13 (D,F) J Eustace 9-0	J Tate	90
4	(8)	2212	MANGUS 13 (D,F) K Cunningham-Brown 8-13	T Quinn	92
5	(11)	1130	V I P CHARLIE 7 (G) J Jenkins 8-10	A Whelan (3)	90
6	(2)	6-00	ICE AGE 13 (D,F) R Williams 8-6	M Hills	90
7	(4)	00-5	SYLVAN DANCER 26 C Wall 8-3	G Duffield	89
8	(10)	0-03	SIGNS AND WONDERS 5 C Cyzer 7-13	R Ffrench (5)	90
9	(7)	06-0	BRAMBLE BEAR 37 (D,F) M Blanshard 7-12	J Quinn	85
10	(6)	0602	HEAVENLY MISS 7 (D,F,G) J Bridger 7-11	G Bardwell	[illegible]
11	(3)	-406	ANOKATO 8 (B,D,F) K Ivory 7-10	Martin Dwyer (3)	79

7-2 Heavenly Miss, 4-1 Ellens Lad, 5-1 Mangus, 7-1 Lamarita, 8-1 others

7.45 RICHARD & JACK WISEMAN TRUST STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,356: 5f 10yd) (5)
SKY

1	(5)	5	ANGELIQUE 14 M Haynes 8-6	J Reid	87
2	(4)	5330	GOING PLACES 2 K Ivory 8-6	Martin Dwyer (3)	[illegible]
3	(3)	3	HIGH GAIN 10 P Howling 8-8	Paul Eddery	87
4	(1)	30	SILENT PRIDE 8 M Usher 8-8	S Sanders	96
5	(2)		SUMMER DEAL P Cole 8-5	T Quinn	—

11-10 Summer Deal, 7-2 Going Places, 9-2 High Gain, 6-1 others

8.15 MOORE STEPHENS BOOTH WHITE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,584: 1m 3f 135yd) (12)
SKY

1	(3)	43-4	PENNYS FROM HEAVEN 49 H Candy 9-7	T Quinn	92
2	(2)	-406	HEART OF ARMOR 20 P Cole 9-4	Dane O'Neill	91
3	(9)	-044	CEE-N-K 38 (G) M Johnston 9-0	D Holland	92
4	(5)	5-00	PADAUK 14 M Haynes 8-13	J Reid	94
5	(9)	62-0	TOMMY TORTOISE 7 G Kelleway 8-11	R Cochrane	93
6	(6)	03-0	WESLEY'S LAD 11 J Neville 8-5	S Drowne	85
7	(10)	-032	REGAL REPRIMAND 7 G Lewis 8-4	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
8	(11)	04-0	LE GRAND GOUSIER 10 R Williams 8-1	G Duffield	90
9	(4)	6005	WHO'S THAT MAN 17 S C Williams 7-10	M Henry (3)	93
10	(12)	0-20	HERBSHAN DANCER 27 B Millman 7-10	J Quinn	94
11	(1)	04-0	RUNNING FREE 20 M Fetherston-Godley 7-10	F Norton	83
12	(7)	00-0	EURO SUPERSTAR 23 S Dow 7-10	R Mullen (5)	—

5-1 Regal Reprimand, 6-1 Pennys From Heaven, Tommy Tortoise, 7-1 others

8.45 QUEEN CHARLOTTES HOSPITAL MAIDEN STAKES (£3,779: 1m 67yd) (18)

1	(8)	0	WAASEF 13 G Kelleway 4-9-10	T Quinn	—
2	(11)	5-	CLASSIC RIBBON 240 I Campbell 4-9-5	R Price	80
3	(15)	3-0	KEEN COMPANION 10 J Naughton 4-9-5	J D Smith (3)	69
4	(13)	223-	ANOTHER NIGHT 250 R Hannon 3-8-12	Dane O'Neill	93
5	(9)	0	BARBURY BALLAD 10 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-12	A Clark	—
6	(16)		BE VALIANT J Fanshawe 3-8-12	N Varley	—
7	(5)	00	BOLD ET NOIR 7 W Jarvis 3-8-12	S Sanders	—
8	(2)	45	COMPROMISE 14 B Hills 3-8-12	Pat Eddery	55
9	(3)		CRESCENT'S WHISPER B Hanbury 3-8-12	J Stack	—
10	(6)	00	GRAND HOTEL 13 P Harris 3-8-12	M Henry (3)	—
11	(17)	53-5	GREEN POWER 39 J Fanshawe 3-8-12	D Harrison	94
12	(7)	40-0	HAYDN JAMES 14 P Harris 3-8-12	F Norton	[illegible]
13	(12)	00	KHAYAL 14 B Hills 3-8-12	R Hills	—
14	(4)		KRABLOONIK M Prescott 3-8-12	G Duffield	—
15	(10)	0-	NORTHERN ANGEL 201 Mrs J Cecil 3-8-12	R Cochrane	—
16	(18)	0	BELLAGRANA 31 M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-7	D Holland	—
17	(1)	6	BOSS LADY 14 R Charlton 3-8-7	T Sprake	66
18	(14)	25-0	TETRIS 8 C Wall 3-8-7	N Carlisle	—

7-2 Green Power, 6-1 Another Night, 7-1 Compromise, Northern Angel, 8-1 others

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.30 Captain Brady. 3.00 Shuttlecock. 3.30 Etterby Park. 4.00 Silk Cottage. 4.30 Ellenbrook. 5.00 Bernard Seven.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CARDIFF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,647: 5f) (12 runners)

1	0	AVERHAM STAR 8 D Shaw 9-0	C Teague (3)	4
2	04	CAPTAIN BRADY 39 W G M Turner 9-0	R Havlin (3)	10
3		LAWFUL CONTRACT R Hollinshead 9-0	F Lynch (3)	7
4	0	MONOPOLY 23 M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	11
5		RISKNOWT GETNOWT T Wall 9-0	R Lappin	1
6		SHANNWARI SONG J Glover 9-0	N Day	12
7	35	ALWAYS LUCKY 18 (BF) J Berry 8-9	P Fessey (5)	5
8		ANGIE MINOR J Wharton 8-9	M Birch	6
9	5	FLICKAN 18 R Guest 8-9	Martin Dwyer (3)	9
10	60	GIFTED BAIRN 11 D Nicholls 8-9	Alex Greaves	2
11		JEN'S IN THE KNOW C Murray 8-9	D McKeown	8
12		LIBERTE BELL M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield	3

3-1 Always Lucky, 9-2 Liberte Bell, 5-1 Captain Brady, 6-1 Monopoly, 8-1 Flickan, 10-1 Lawful Contract, 12-1 Shannwari Song, Gifted Bairn, 14-1 others.

3.00 EDINBURGH CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES
(£2,277: 1m 3f) (10)

1	6001	EVEZIO RUFO 7 (V,CD,G,S) N Littmoden 5-9-11	P Roberts (5)	5
2	2040	ZATOPEK 31 J Cullinan 5-9-9	V Slattery	1
3	0-60	GUNNER B SPECIAL 2 (B) S Bowring 4-9-7	S Webster	3
4	-050	PC'S CRUISER 13 (C,G) N Littmoden 5-9-7	J Weaver	6
5	-440	DINO'S MISTRAL 40 F Lee 4-9-5	D McKeown	8
6	5-00	DORMY THREE 8 (F,G) R Hodges 7-9-5	J Lowe	9
7	4-00	EL BARDADOR 14 (F) R Hodges 4-9-5	N Varley	7
8	32-0	ROYAL LEGEND 100 (V) J Pearce 5-9-5	M Wigham	2
9	0016	CARROLLS MARC 7 (C,F,G) C Murray 9-9-3	Iona Wands (5)	10
10	2240	SHUTTLECOCK 16 (C,G,S) D Chapman 6-9-3	G Duffield	4

3-1 Evezio Rufo, 9-2 Dormy Three, 11-2 Carrolls Marc, 7-1 Royal Legend, 8-1 Zatopek, Pc's Cruiser, 10-1 Dino's Mistral, Shuttlecock, 12-1 others.

3.30 BIRMINGHAM HANDICAP (£2,784: 1m 6f) (6)

1	3312	ETTERBY PARK 12 (F,G,S) M Johnston 4-10-0	J Weaver	1
2	5-23	CUBAN NIGHTS 27 (C,G) B Llewellyn 5-9-12	T Williams	3
3	/00-	HIGH SUMMER 16J (C,D,F,G) T Thomson Jones 7-9-8	D McKeown	6
4	1301	KALAMATA 7 (CD,G) J Glover 5-9-4 (5ex)	N Day	4
5	5364	FORZAIR 8 (C,G) J J O'Neill 5-8-3	F Lynch (3)	2
6	3030	MAPENGO 15 (G) J Cullinan 5-7-10	P Doe (7)	5

4-6 Etterby Park, 9-2 Kalamata, 7-1 Cuban Nights, 8-1 Forzair, 10-1 others.

4.00 LIVERPOOL HANDICAP (£2,277: 6f) (16)

1	1500	HOH MAJESTIC 14 (V,CD,F,G) Ron Thompson 4-10-0	G Milligan (5) (3)	3
2	2066	SILK COTTAGE 15 (G) R Whitaker 5-9-11	O Pears (3)	1
3	6000	LADY SILK 11 (CD,G,S) Miss J Craze 6-9-2	N Connorton	9
4	-454	NERVOUS REX 28 (B,BF) W Muir 3-9-2	J Weaver	8
5	0606	LOCHON 10 (B,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-9-1	C Teague (3)	4
6	4341	SWEET MATE 10 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 5-9-1	S Webster	5
7	-000	ZAIN DANCER 24 D Nicholls 5-9-1	Alex Greaves	6
8	00-4	PRUDENT PRINCESS 23 (V) A Hide 5-9-0	C Webb (7)	10
9	6325	STEPHENSONS ROCKET 10 (F,G,S) R Fahey 6-9-0	M Birch	15
10	5054	DELROB 11 (B,CD,F,G) D Haydn Jones 6-8-13	G Faulkner (5)	13
11	-400	GUY'S GAMBLE 84 (C,G) J Wharton 4-8-10	Sophie Mitchell (5)	14
12	00-0	FLEETING FOOTSTEPS 2 D Shaw 5-8-10	F Lynch (3)	16
13	005-	BENT RAIWAND 182 E Incisa 4-8-9	Kim Tinkler	7
14	0004	BORN A LADY 7 (C,G) Mrs V Aconley 4-8-8	M Deering	11
15	0046	KID ORY 10 (D,G) D Chapman 6-8-7	G Duffield	2
16	8000	MARGARETROSE ANNA 11 B Baugh 5-8-5	R Lappin	12

3-1 Sweet Mate, 13-2 Stephensons Rocket, 8-1 Silk Cottage, Delrob, 10-1 Nervous Rex, Born A Lady, 12-1 Prudent Princess, 16-1 others

4.30 HULL SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £1,985: 5f) (6)

1	00	GENERAL JOEY 30 (B) M Dods 8-12	C Teague (3)	5
2	5222	ELLENBROOK 7 (B) J Berry 8-7	P Fessey (5)	1
3	0	IVORY'S JOY 38 K Ivory 8-7	C Scally	4
4	0	KARENARAGON 14 Ron Thompson 8-7	N Connorton	6
5	4	MEDINA MISS 8 (BF) W G M Turner 8-7	P Doe (7)	3
6		WIDEYEDBUSHYTAILED Pat Mitchell 8-7	R Mullen (5)	2

5-6 Ellenbrook, 3-1 Medina Miss, 7-1 General Joey, Ivory's Joy, 10-1 others.

5.00 LONDON HANDICAP (£2,277: 1m) (16)

1	6005	AWESOME VENTURE 14 (CD,G,S) M Chapman 7-10-0	T E Duncan (5)	16
2	3200	CHADLEIGH LANE 42 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-13	M Birch	5
3	3000	BERNARD SEVEN 13 (B,D,F,G) M Dods 5-9-12	J Weaver	1
4	5640	BENTICO 10 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 8-9-10	G Faulkner (5)	6
5	0140	DRAGONJOY 14 (B,C,D,G) N Littmoden 4-9-9	R Lappin	7
6	0030	JOHNNIE THE JOKER 11 (B,C,F,G) J Leigh 6-9-6	C Teague (3)	2
7	0405	MERCURY 8 (CD,G) J Glover 4-9-1	N Day	13
8	0-00	SARATOGA RED 34 W O'Gorman 3-9-0	Emma O'Gorman	12
9	2643	HEVER GOLF CHARGER 48 (G) T Naughton 3-8-10	Dale Gibson	11
10	0-00	ORIEL LAD 7 (F,S) E Incisa 4-8-8	Kim Tinkler	8
11	4503	DAVID JAMES' GIRL 7 (CD,BF,G,S) A Bailey 5-8-6	Iona Wands (5)	14
12	0405	QUINZII MARTIN 63 (B,C) D H-Jones 9-8-5	Joeanne Richards (7)	3
13	6050	SCENICRIS 33 (D,S) R Hollinshead 4-8-3	F Lynch (3)	15
14	0000	JILLY BEVELED 7 (D,G) Ron Thompson 5-7-13	T Williams	4
15	-003	KASS ALHAWA 35 D Chapman 4-7-12	P Fessey (5)	9
16	0-25	MONTE CAVO 40 M Brittain 6-7-11	O Mernagh (7)	10

6-1 David James' Girl, 13-2 Hever Golf Charger, 8-1 Bentico, Dragonjoy, Saratoga Red, Kass Alhawa, 10-1 Quinzii Martin, Monte Cavo, 12-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bath: 2.15 Tartan Party. 2.45 Utmost Zeal, Delight Of Dawn, Shouldbegrey. 3.15 Hugger-Mugger. Musselburgh: 7.30 Arboreal. 8.30 Burlesqua, Polanze. Southwell: 3.00 Royal Legend. 4.30 Ellenbrook, General Joey

Jukes rewarded by King Torus win

Point-to-point
by Carl Evans

JAMIE JUKES'S disappointment at the cancellation of Saturday's meeting in Wales was eased by a win on the *Victor Dartnall-trained* King Torus at the **Dulverton West** fixture in North Devon.

Dartnall was also successful in the confined with Butler John, who is now level with Grimley Gale on seven wins *in the Grand Marnier Award,* given to the season's most successful horse.

The highlight of the Devon meeting was the mixed open in which the Tim Mitchell-ridden Fosbury prevailed narrowly from Tinotops and Shirley Vickery. Both riders could end the season as new national champions, and are riding with great determination. However, on rain-softened ground, and climbing a hill to the post, both horses tired and a memorable battle quickly soured as *the stewards fined both £45 for* misuse of the whip.

Mitchell's win took him to 30, two ahead of Jukes, but Julian Pritchard can now finally start believing this is his year after another treble at the **Golden Valley** *took his score* to 34. Dumfriesshire's Ranald Morgan, 21, seems assured of the national novice title after Allrite Pet's win at the **Border** fixture where Thomas Scott suffered three falls but finally won the northern area's award by one point from the young pretender.

POINT-TO-POINT DETAILS

BORDER (Corbridge): Intermediate: 1, Nova Nita (P Craggs, 5-2); 2, Bucklands Cottage; 3, Thinkaboutthat. 10 ran. Rest: 1, Timber Topper (C Mulhall, 9-2); 2, The Odin Line; 3, Grey Rock. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Thank U Jim (Miss T Jackson, 4-1); 2, Just For Kicks; 3, Carole's Delight. 10 ran. Men's Open: 1, Fiscal Policy (R Trotter, 11-4); 2, Cot Lane; 3, Bit Of A Blether. 10 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Allrite Pet (R Morgan, 6-4 fav); 2, *Madame Beck;* 3, *Durham Glint.* 13 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Press To Sing (C Storey, 7-4 fav); 2, Mr Hook; 3, Primitive Way. 17 ran. Hunt: 1, Sarona Smith (Miss J Hutchinson, 7-1); 2, Tod Law; 3, Billy Buoyant. 5 ran.

DULVERTON WEST (Bratton Down): Confined: 1, Butler John (N Harris, 1-3 fav); 2, Milled Oats; 3, Southerly Buster; 3, Indian Rabi. 6 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Fosbury (T Mitchell, 5-2); 2, Tinotops; 3, Saint Joseph. 8 ran. P P O R A: 1, King Torus (J Jukes, 4-6 fav); 2, Three And A Half; 3, Thegoose. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Millyhenry (J Tizzard, 4-1); 2, First Design; 3, Bewdley Boy. 15 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Pilgrim's Mission (R Darke, 7-4 fav); 2, Lord Spider; 3, Befills. 17 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Big Bands Are Back (Miss S Young, 3-1); 2, Get Stepping; 3, Federmaus. 16 ran

GOLDEN VALLEY (Bredwardine): Hunt: 1, Lies Le Bucflow (S Lloyd, 4-6 fav); 2, Who's Your Man, only 2 finished. 2 ran. Confined: 1, *Lets Twist Again (Julian Pritchard, 4-7 fav);* 2, Haven Light; 3, Gold'n Shroud. 7 ran. Men's Open: 1, Nether Gobions (Julian Pritchard, 6-4 fav); 2, Archer; 3, Doubting Donna. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Rip Van Winkle (Miss A Dare, 1-3 fav); 2, *Bowland Girl;* 3, Howaryadoon. 9 ran. Rest: 1, Ollerdale (J Tudor, 14-1); 2, Denny Ann; 3, A Few Dollars More. 13 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Robero (Julian Pritchard, 7-4 fav); 2, Nick The Biscuit; 3, Kilgobbin. 8 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Merger Mania (D Mansell, 14-1); 2, Military Man; 3, Joyney. 17 ran.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

Going: soft

2.00 (2m) 1, Grand Cru (D O'Donohoe, 20-1); 2, Thaljanah (11-2); 3, Samuel Scott (7-4 fav). 9 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. J Cullinan. Tote £27.80; £4.40, £2.10, £1.10. DF: £80.90. Trio £83.90. CSF: £118.83. Tricast: £272.64.

2.30 (1m 1f) 1, Prince Of My Heart (M Hills, 8-1); 2, Wijara (10-1); 3, Almond Rock (13-2). Wilcuma 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Night City, The Dilettanti. 7l, hd. B Hills. Tote: £12.50; £3.40, £1.90. DF: £90.50. Trio: £179.80. CSF: £81.91. Tricast: £517.83.

3.00 (1m) 1, Phonetic (R Price, 25-1); 2, Master Beveled (7-1 jt-fav); 3, Waleed (25-1); 4, Duello (15-2). Ashby Hill 7-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. NR: Deevee, La Modiste, Oberons Boy. Nk, 1l. G Balding. Tote: £52.30; £9.50, £1.40, £3.40, £3.40. DF: £125.10. Trio: £738.80. CSF: £187.23. Tricast: £4,180.30.

3.35 (6f 8yd) 1, Bold Edge (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav); 2, Amid (7-1); 3, Legs Be Frendly (13-2). 12 ran. NR: American Cousin, Saddlers' Rose. 1¾l, 1¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.20; £1.90, £4.00, £2.20. DF: £23.90. Trio: £21.20. CSF: £15.75.

4.05 (7f 64yd) 1, Tal-Y-Llyn (M Hills, 6-1); 2, Raleigh (11-2); 3, Pomona (11-10 fav). 5 ran. NR: Smart Kid, Volley. Sh hd, 4l. B Hills. Tote: £7.70; £2.20, £2.10. DF: £17.60. CSF: £30.83.

4.40 (7f 64yd) 1, Hornbeam (R Cochrane, 100-30 fav); 2, Icy Guest (16-1); 3, Shadoof (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Super Monarch. 7l, 2l. J Jenkins. Tote: £4.70; £1.60, £4.60, £2.90. DF: £59.40. Trio: £59.70. CSF: £56.79.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £31,117.18 carried forward to Bath today).

Placepot: £317.70. Quadpot: £24.10.

Ripon

Going: good to soft

2.15 (1m) 1, Flag Fen (K Fallon, 9-1); 2, Sandmoor Denim (12-1); 3, Power Game (2-1 fav). 13 ran. NR: Stolen Music. 4l, 3½l. J Parkes. Tote: £11.40; £3.10, £3.40, £1.70. DF: £145.10. Trio: £198.40. CSF: £111.07.

2.45 (6f) 1, Alconleigh (J Weaver, 5-2 fav); 2, Prose (3-1); 3, Winsome George (12-1). 14 ran. ½l, 2l. M Johnston. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £1.10, £3.90. DF: £2.70. Trio: £33.70. CSF: £9.58.

3.15 (1m 2f) 1, Effectual (G Duffield, 13-2); 2, Leviticus (16-1); 3, Docklands Limo (14-1); 4, Vola Via (16-1). Miels Baby 5-2 fav. 16 ran. ½l, sh hd. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £5.50; £1.50, £7.90, £2.60, £3.60. DF: £182.20. Trio: £565.40 (part won; pool of £637.07 carried forward to 2.45 at Bath today). CSF: £104.20. Tricast: £1,037.97.

3.45 (5f) 1, Canovas Heart (N Day, 6-1); 2, Lady Sheriff (5-1); 3, *Express Girl (12-1).* Insider Trader 7-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Johayro. Longwick Lad. 3l, 1¼l. Bob Jones. Tote £7.60; £2.20, £2.40, £3.10. DF: £37.60. Trio: £154.70. CSF: £34.79. *Tricast: £335.72.*

4.20 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Fabled Light (G Milligan, 2-1 fav); 2, Thornby Park (4-1); 3, Spy Knoll (5-2). 5 ran. NR: Norman Conquest, Time Can Tell. 1¼l, ¾l. C Wragg. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £7.30. CSF: £9.45.

4.50 (1m 1f) 1, Darcy (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Epworth (8-1); 3, Benar Ridge (6-5 fav). 10 ran. NR: Darapour. 1l, 2½l. M Stoute. Tote: £6.70; £1.70, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £36.40. Trio: £8.50. CSF: £46.08.

Placepot: £77.50. Quadpot: £25.90.

Fakenham

Going: good

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Hever Golf Diamond (Mr P O'Keeffe, 25-1); 2, Captain Tandy (7-1); 3, Bolott (3-1 jt-fav). Adar 3-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. 3l, sh hd. J Best. Tote: £11.80; £4.80, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £85.30. Trio: £174.90 (part won; pool of £86.25 carried forward to 2.45 at Bath today). CSF: £178.?. Tricast: £630.49.

2.55 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Dromin Leader (Mr A Sansome, 6-1); 2, Sandybraes (9-1); 3, Cracking Idea (8-1). Chikpour 4-5 fav. 9 ran. NR: Counterbid. 5l, 6l. J Turner. Tote: £6.80; £1.60, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £28.50. Trio: £34.90. CSF: £50.67.

3.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Manor Mieo (Michael Brennan, 7-2); 2, Whippers Delight (9-2); 3, Bally Parson (15-2). Linden's Lotto 100-30 fav. 8 ran. 1l, 3l. G Prodromou. Tote: £5.10; £1.40, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £11.70. CSF: £19.55. Tricast: £74.39.

4.00 (2m 7f 110yd hdle) 1, Stone Island (Mr R Walley, 11-2); 2, Come On In (85-40); 3, Holkham Bay (5-1). Royal Hand 11-10 fav. 4 ran. Dist, dist. John Whyte. Tote: £6.30. DF: £8.10. CSF: £15.6.

4.35 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Rough Edge (Mr W Wales, 5-2 fav); 2, Cooleawn Lady (3-1); 3, Tellaporky (20-1). 11 ran. 6l, 7l. D Wales. Tote: £3.90; £1.2?, £2.10, £3.90. DF: £8.50. Trio: £86.00. CSF: £10.31.

5.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Persian Elite (J Osborne, 4-9 fav); 2, Red Light (11-2); 3, Peatings (7-1). 9 ran. NR: Americus. 4l, 8l. C Egerton. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.0, £1.30. DF: £2.80. Trio: £4.40. CSF: £3.9?.

Placepot: £198.2?. Quadpot: £28.10.

☐ Silver Charm, the Kentucky Derby winner, followed up in the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico on Saturday night. He will become the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978 if he wins the Belmont Stakes on June 7.

SPECIALISTS

SOUTHWELL: Trainers: T Thomson Jones, 7 winners from 15 runners, 46.7%; M Johnston, 50 from 229, 21.8%; M Prescott, 19 from 90, 21.1%; W O'Gorman, 26 from 125, 20.0%; D Nicholls, 25 from 161, 15.5%. Jockeys: N Day, 5 winners from 26 rides, 19.2%; J Weaver, 52 from 276, 18.8%; Emma O'Gorman, 23 from 128, 18.0%; R Havlin, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

WINDSOR: Trainers: M Johnston, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; Mrs J Cecil, 3 from 11, 27.3%; L Cottrell, 5 from 28, 17.9%; H Candy, 7 from 41, 17.1%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 40 winners from 178 rides, 22.5%; J Reid, 23 from 139, 16.5%; M J Dwyer, 4 from 26, 15.4%; T Quinn, 19 from 144, 13.2%.

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SAILING

Law steers course to top-three ranking

By Edward Gorman, Sailing Correspondent

CHRIS LAW'S climb back to the top of world match-racing sailing took another significant step forward at the weekend, when he swept away the challenge of Morten Henriksen, of Denmark, to clinch the Hoya Royal Lymington Cup for the second time.

Law lost only once in the competition, during the opening round-robin stage. It is a feeling he does not enjoy and did not experience again as he defeated Andy Green, of Britain, in the quarter-finals, Bertrand Pace, of France, in the semi-finals and then Henriksen on Saturday.

The young Danish Soling sailor, who is twelfth in the world match-racing rankings, had joked before the final series that Law would have to live up to his reputation for ruthlessness on the race course. In the event, the Englishmen, who is resident in Bermuda for much of the time, put on a more fluent and tactically astute performance to shut out Henriksen.

Racing in light conditions in the lee of Hurst Castle, and after a long delay while the breeze filled in from the south, the two crews enjoyed two very close races, with the lead changing hands on both upwind and downwind legs. However, Law's crew of Andy Hemmings, James Stagg and Julian Salter always looked the smoother.

Law won the first race by 7sec and the second by 12sec. In the third, Law dominated the start, sailing Henriksen well away from the line, and then attacked him as he came back in, inflicting a penalty on the Dane, whose crew included Glyn Charles, of Britain, on mainsheet. There was then contact between the boats, which resulted in a second penalty for Henriksen that allowed Law to get away eight boat-lengths clear and the matter was settled.

Eddie Warden-Owen, who watched Law all week, believes he is sailing as well now as at any stage during his long career, which was punctuated by a four-year period when he did not step into a boat. "The difference was that, under pressure, Law was just that little bit smoother and able to manoeuvre round marks with more speed, which translates into better acceleration," Warden-Owen said.

Law, himself, is clearly delighted with the team he constructed around him after losing the final of this event to Russell Coutts, of New Zealand, last year. "This was a really good clean British win against ten of the top 20 in the world," he said.

Law's impressive start to the year — he won the Australia Cup in Perth and was then second in a mini-America's Cup regatta in Auckland — has kept him firmly on course for his three goals for the season — to climb into the top three in the world rankings from his present position of sixth; to win the match-racing world championship, and to book himself a skipper's berth in the America's Cup.

If there is to be an America's Cup challenge from the Royal Dorset Yacht Club, which is by no means certain, it is going to be increasingly difficult to exclude Law, who is the most experienced and in-form British match-racer. But the question remains how to accommodate him or whether he would consider joining a team in which he was not the outright skipper or, indeed, whether he remains determined to sail for Britain and the Dorset challenge.

Law apart, the Hoya Royal Lymington Cup, saw further progress from Green, who, at 23, is showing signs of being a real prospect. He sailed with Mark Turner, Mark Heeley and David Munge and did well to finish eighth in a strong field.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Law, in the cap, and his crew leave Henriksen in their wake en route to lifting the Hoya Royal Lymington Cup

De Kersauson closes in on record

By Edward Gorman

THE record for the fastest circumnavigation of the world, set by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston and Sir Peter Blake on *ENZA New Zealand* in 1994, is under threat as Olivier de Kersauson, of France, completes his voyage on the maxi-tri *Sport-Elec*.

Early yesterday, de Kersauson was still on course to beat *ENZA's* record and was plotted on Saturday as having the equivalent of a 1,060-mile lead on *ENZA*. De Kersuason still had about 600 miles to sail and was about 630 miles west of the Spanish coast. He should finish some time today. On Friday, he enjoyed an excellent day, putting in a run of 392.6 miles in 24 hours.

This is de Kersauson's sixth attempt to win the Jules Verne Trophy since 1993. If he does break the record, he will make things more difficult for Tracy Edwards and her all-female crew, who are setting off in the revamped *ENZA*, renamed *Royal SunAlliance*, on their own attempt to beat the record in January next year.

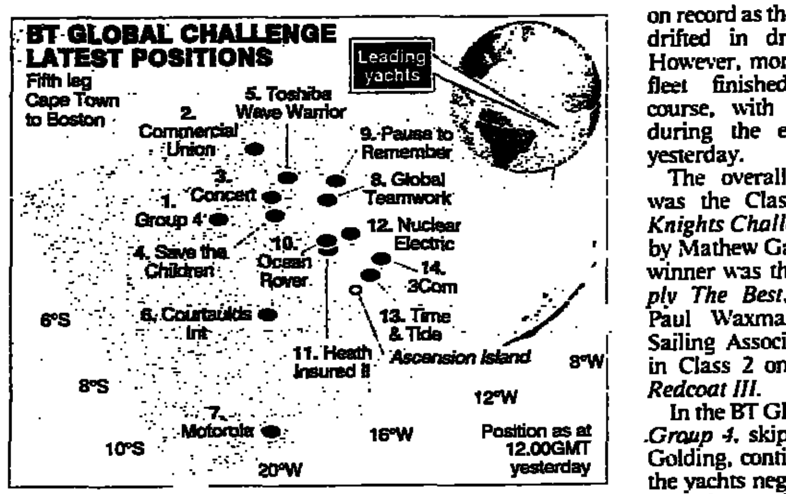
In New York, one of the most spectacular gatherings of super-yachts and classics assembled set off on the Rolex Atlantic Challenge Cup on Saturday. This commemorates the 1905 record-setting crossing by the schooner *Atlantic*, bettered for the first time only last month by *Nicorette*.

The fleet, which is racing to The Lizard, off Cornwall, before gathering in Falmouth and then proceeding to Cowes for a round-the-island race, was led across the line by the 1984-vintage 183ft schooner *Adix*, skippered by Paul Goss.

The Royal Ocean Racing Club's Myth of Malham race, from Cowes to Alderney, turned into one of the longest on record as the 84-strong field drifted in dropping winds. However, more than half the fleet finished the 82-mile course, with most arriving during the early hours of yesterday.

The overall CHS winner was the Class 4 Sigma 33 *Knights Challenge*, skippered by Mathew Gage. The Class 1 winner was the IMX 38 *Simply The Best*, skippered by Paul Waxman. The Army Sailing Association prevailed in Class 2 on the Sigma 38 *Redcoat III*.

In the BT Global Challenge, *Group 4*, skippered by Mike Golding, continues to lead as the yachts negotiate the south Atlantic on their way from Cape Town to Boston. *Group 4* has around 4,000 miles still to sail.



LATEST POSITIONS (as at 12.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Boston): 1, Group 4 4,095; 2, Commercial Union 4,118; 3, Concert 4,145; 4, Save The Children 4,155; 5, Toshiba Wave Warrior 4,173; 6, Courtaulds International 4,203; 7, Motorola 4,240; 8, Global Teamwork 4,242; 9, Pause To Remember 4,247; 10, Ocean Rover 4,256; 11, Heath Insured II 4,257; 12, Nuclear Electric 4,277; 13, Time & Tide 4,335; 14, 3Com 4,335

Coventry escape route leads to new horizons

THE BUSINESS OF SPORT

Whistling the theme tune to *The Great Escape* has become a common pursuit in Coventry over the past week, with jokes along the lines of "the *Titanic* would not have gone down if it had been painted sky blue" becoming ever more popular.

No one, though, could have been more relieved at the latest hair's-breadth relegation escape by Coventry City than the club's chairman, Bryan Richardson. His grandiose plans to take the FA Carling Premiership club forward would have been severely damaged had Gordon Strachan's team not pulled off the latest survival feat.

Richardson, a former Warwickshire county cricketer, was thwarted in his attempt to buy Coventry rugby union club last year. He felt it would have been a good base for a sporting club along the lines of the one based at Loftus Road, home of Queens Park Rangers and Wasps, or the kind Newcastle United envisaged until it decided it might have an adverse effect on the club's flotation.

Undeterred, Richardson has more ideas. The one gaining currency in Coventry is to move grounds from the ageing Highfield Road to a new all-purpose stadium. For £20 million, Coventry could have a 40,000-seat stadium with a roof that could be closed for other events.

Richardson is attempting to convince the relevant authorities of the idea and, while he does that, another of his plans — floating the club — is simmering away. Richardson has hired Apax Partners, the merchant bank that advised Manchester United, floated Sheffield United and is behind Soccer Investments, the "shell" company that has brought together the talents of Alan Hansen, the former Liverpool captain, Sir Rodney Walker, the chairman of the Sports Council, and Mike Edelson, a director of Manchester United.

Apax has told Richardson that floating Coventry would be a better idea when he has a good story to tell. Staying up is not good enough. Building a new stadium is.

Apax has resisted the temptation to bring its two clients — Coventry and Soccer Investments — together, though Coventry is just the sort of club that could tempt Soccer Investments.

Its idea is to find a club in need of its experience to help to raise money in the City. Hansen's role is to assess the footballing viability of the club, but, given his comments about Manchester United not winning anything with kids, and his prediction that Coventry would go down, that does not inspire much confidence.

Edelson is also in a curious position. He was behind the Sheffield United deal, when his company, Conrad, brought the Bramall Lane club to market in what the City calls a "reverse takeover". He had to resign from the board because of his Manchester United connection and the same is expected to happen when Soccer Investments finds a club to buy.

Edelson says that they have three clubs in their sights. The criteria is either a Premiership club or one that has Premiership potential. Essentially, the choice is any club short of the top five Premiership clubs or placed in the top half of the Nationwide League first division. Soccer Investments was keen on Sheffield Wednesday before Charterhouse, the City merchant bank, stepped in to provide the club with £16.5 million of funding.

The Premier League, recognising the increasing sophistication of football finance, is relaxing the rules on investing in clubs. This may mean that Edelson can actually stay on the board of whichever club he takes over, but anyone who has been near him when Manchester United are playing would find it hard to see him in any other club's directors box.

JASON NISSÉ

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Newbury

Going: soft

2.00 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Guda (J Reid, 2-1 fav); 2, Scattergun (7-1); 3, Life Of Riley (33-1). 15 ran. NR: Diamond Quest. ¾l, 12l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.50; £1.70, £1.80, £3.60. DF: £6.60. Trio: £73.50. CSF: £7.32.

2.30 (6f 8yd) 1, Danetrick (J Reid, 5-4 fav); 2, Ang Dancer (8-1); 3, Tadwiga (11-1). 14 ran. Sh hd, 1l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £5.00, £3.30. DF: £20.50. Trio: £58. CSF: £20.66.

3.00 (1m 5f 61yd) 1, Persian Punch (R Cochrane, 4-1); 2, Fuller Flight (5-1); 3, Sweetness Herself (8). Bequeath 9-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Staneda. 3½l, 1l. D Elsworth. Tote: £5.20; £2.30, £2.10. DF: £10.50. CSF: £22.32.

3.35 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Syrian (T Quinn, 14-1); 2, Winter Garden (5-2 fav); 3, Percy Isle (9-2). 10 ran. Sh hd, 12l. P Cole. Tote: £17.40; £5.10, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £30.40. Trio: £31.00. CSF: £44.57. Tricast: £172.50.

4.05 (6f 8yd) 1, Sharpest (Dane O'Neill, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Alumisiyah (10-1); 3, Mara River (4-1 jt-fav). 13 ran. 3l, 1½l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.10; £2.20, £3.30, £1.50. DF: £18.50. Trio: £220. CSF: £41.02. Tricast: £141.94.

4.35 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Premier Generation (S Whitworth, 7-1); 2, Bakers Daughter (25-1); 3, Princess Ewelle (14-1); 4, Peppers (8-1). Fern's Governor 3-1 fav. 22 ran. 3l, 2½l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £6.20; £1.70, £7.20, £3.40, £30. DF: £237.70. Trio: £705.50. CSF: £170.42. Tricast: £2,228.83.

5.05 (7f 64yd) 1, Steeless (D Holland, 8-1); 2, Trading Aces (13-2); 3, Calamander (14-1). Shalstayholy 11-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. NR: Wee Dram. 1¼l, 8l. N Graham. Tote: £6.00; £2.80, £2.50, £6.10. DF: £21.90. Trio: £178.20. CSF: £42.68. Tricast: £494.26.

Jackpot: £22,588.10 (part won; pool of £22,908.31 carried forward to Newbury yesterday).

Placepot: £49.90. Quadpot: £15.40.

Thirsk

Going: good to soft

2.15 (5f) 1, Laurel Pleasure (T E Durcan, 10-1); 2, Inchalong (9-1); 3, Penniless (2-1 fav). 12 ran. 2½l, 1¼l. J Berry. Tote: £14.10; £3.10, £2.30, £1.40. DF: £86.50. Trio: £96.70. CSF: £90.39.

2.45 (5f) 1, Treasure Touch (Iona Wands, 15-2); 2, Swino (12-1); 3, Mallesah (3-1 fav). 11 ran. Hd, 1l. D Nicholls. Tote: £7.60; £2.40, £3.70, £1.70. DF: £80.50. Trio: £100.60. CSF: £91.25. Tricast: £311.86.

3.15 (5f) 1, Forest Treasure (G Carter, 13-2); 2, Carambo (12-1); 3, Hirst Bridge (7-2 jt-fav). Posito 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. 2½l, ¾l. J Berry. Tote: £11.50; £3.20, £3.00, £1.80. DF: £53.80. Trio: £275.70 (part won; pool of £174.79 carried forward to 3.00 at Newbury yesterday). CSF: £80.50.

3.45 (1m) 1, Jack Flush (J F Egan, 8-1); 2, Boster (13-2); 3, Just Grand (14-1); 4, William Wallace (14-1). Wild Sky 5-2 fav. 16 ran. Nk, 8l. B Rothwell. Tote: £8.40; £1.90, £1.80, £3.70, £4.20. DF: £21.10. Trio: £234.60. CSF: £67.95. Tricast: £783.75.

4.15 (1m) 1, Catienus (K Darley, 9-1); 2, Intikhab (7-2); 3, Premier Bay (11-2). Harry Wolton 11-8 fav. 4 ran. 1¾l, 6l. M Stoute. Tote: £3.90. DF: £6.50. CSF: £10.99.

4.45 (1m 4f) 1, Milly Of The Vally (W Ryan, 5-1); 2, Vicki Romera (7-1); 3, Nightlark (5-4 fav). 8 ran. 2½l, 3l. H Cecil. Tote: £6.00; £1.40, £2.70, £1.10. DF: £30.30. CSF: £35.18.

5.15 (6f) 1, So Intrepid (W Ryan, 11-2); 2, Garnock Valley (9-1); 3, Benzoe (4-1). Foist 11-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Bollin Harry, For The Present, Natural Key. 1l, 5l. J Bradley. Tote: £6.80; £1.90, £2.70, £1.70. DF: £19.20. Trio: £28.10. CSF: £52.94. Tricast: £206.62.

Placepot: £334.80.

Quadpot: £92.10.

Nottingham

2.25 1, Esperto (9-2); 2, Acton Jackson (7-4 fav); 3, Rochea (11-2). 10 ran.

2.55 1, Elly Fleetfoot (10-11 fav). 2, Shabanaz (4-1). 3, River Run (11-1). 10 ran.

3.25 1, Viva Verdi (11-2). 2, Baba Au Rhum (12-1); 3, Pekay (14-1). Ochos Rios 9-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Proud Monk.

3.55 1, Island Sanctuary (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Mantles Prince (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Night Chorus (5-1). 9 ran.

4.25 1, Pleasure Time (14-1); 2, Polly Golightly (7-1). 3, Solonian (16-1). 4, Ballard Lady (14-1). Runs In The Family 2-1 fav. 18 ran.

4.55 1, Shawdon (5-1); 2, Tamarin Bay (14-1); 3, Opposition Leader (2-1 fav). 13 ran. NR: Demolition Jo.

5.25 1, Golden Hadeer (11-8 fav); 2, Arcady (16-1); 3, Aardwolf (11-4). 7 ran.

Lingfield Park

6.00 1, Cuban Reef (5-1 jt-fav). 2, Benjamins Law (20-1). 3, Clued Up (9-1); 4, Seattle Alley (10-1). Fairy Knight 5-1 jt-fav. 16 ran.

6.30 1, Patriot Games (6-1). 2, Burning Truth (6-4 fav). 3, Ridaiyma (16-1). 9 ran.

7.00 1, Fast Tempo (9-2). 2, English Lady (9-2); 3, Ron's Pet (5-6 fav). 5 ran.

7.30 1, Bright Paragon (20-1); 2, Pearl Dawn (20-1); 3, Superlao (14-1); 4, Tee-Emm (11-2 jt-fav). Mister Raider 11-2 jt-fav. 20 ran.

8.00 1, Blue Goblin (8-13 fav). 2, Flourishing Way (8-1); 3, Musafi (15-2). 17 ran. NR: Kildee Boy, Pizzicato.

8.30 1, Gee Bee Dream (16-1); 2, Golden Fact (12-1); 3, Praeditus (4-1 fav). 15 ran.

Hamilton Park

6.15 1, Goretski (7-1); 2, Just Bob (14-1); 3, Sue Me (7-2 jt-fav). Bee Health Boy 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Ragtime Cowgirl.

6.45 1, Colours To Gold (10-1). 2, Fairy Domino (7-2); 3, Crazee Mental (7-1). Junior Muffin 11-4 fav. 9 ran.

7.15 1, Philgem (5-1 fav); 2, Mirror Four Sport (6-1); 3, Ballet De Cour (16-1); 4, Portite Sophie (10-1). 16 ran.

7.45 1, One For Baileys (3-1 fav). 2, Colour Code (7-2). 3, Irsal (9-2). 16 ran.

8.15 1, Principal Boy (20-1); 2, Nobby Barnes (12-1); 3, Stormless (6-4 fav). 10 ran.

8.45 1, Kintavi (7-2); 2, Lord Advocate (16-1); 3, Mentalasanythin (3-1). Northern Motto 11-4 fav. 10 ran.

Bangor

11.50 1, Mr Lowry (33-1); 2, Sadler's Realm (5-2 fav); 3, Western General (4-1). 16 ran.

12.20 1, Flying Instructor (2-11 fav). 2, Dandie Imp (7-1); 3, Professor Page (14-1). 6 ran.

12.50 1, Jessolle (5-1); 2, Name Of Our Father (8-1); 3, Stylish Interval (12-1). Ultimate Smoothie 6-5 fav. 10 ran.

1.20 1, Pearl Epee (9-2); 2, Andermatt (2-1 fav); 3, Royal Square (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Bitacrack.

1.50 1, Riparius (15-2); 2, Our Robert (13-2); 3, Kinnescash (11-10 fav). 7 ran.

2.20 1, Nodform Wonder (5-4 fav); 2, *Nothing Ventured (100-30)*; 3, *Pamela's* Lad (25-1). 12 ran.

2.50 1, Sea Tarth (33-1); 2, Murchan Tyne (3-1). 3, Orange Imp (8-1). Achill Rambler, Deep C Diva 9-4 jt-favs.

MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

6.30 Crafty Pet. 7.00 Kathryn's Pet. 7.30 RHEINBOLD (nap). 8.00 Power Game. 8.30 Gold Clipper. 9.00 Euro Sceptic.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.30 HIGH ON LIFE (nap). 9.00 Dancing Sioux.

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DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 MAY MAID AUCTION STAKES

SKY

(2-Y-O: £2,688: 5f) (5 runners)

1 4 SANDSIDE 14 J Berry 8-7 G Carter 2
2 2 TURF MOOR 19 J J O'Neill 8-6 J Carroll 1
3 54 ORIEL GIRL 47 P Evans 8-1 J F Egan 3
4 0 CRAFTY PET 30 (F) R Fahey 8-0 R Winston (7) 4
5 3 BABY GRAND 1 T Barron 7-13 J Fanning 5

15-8 Sandside, 9-4 Baby Grand, 4 Turf Moor, 6-1 Oriel Girl, 10-1 Crafty Pet.

7.00 EAST LOTHIAN HANDICAP STAKES

SKY

(£2,828: 1m 4f) (11)

1 /231 SUN MARK 11 (F) Mrs A Swinbank 6-9-11 J Supple 4
2 -000 COIS NA FARRAIGE 15 (D,F) Miss L Perratt 4-9-11 O Urbina 9
3 -142 KATHRYN'S PET (CD,BF,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-9 A Culhane 3
4 -121 THE BUTTERWICK KID 11 (D,F,G,S) R Fahey 4-9-3 R Winston (7) 7
5 0-00 GENERAL GLOW (D,F) P Evans 4-9-3 J F Egan 8
6 310- *DUNROWAN 193 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0* S Copp (5) 10
7 00/5 JUBRAN 23 (C,F) J Eyre 11-8-13 M Gallagher 2
8 3250 AMBIDEXTROUS (C,BF,F) E Alston 5-8-11 D Wright 5
9 0501 FATHER EDDIE 9 J J O'Neill 3-8-6 J Carroll 1
10 0652 LORD ADVOCATE (B,CD,F,G,S) D Nolan 9-8-5 V Halliday 11
11 00-0 TEEJAY'N'AITCH 9 J S Goldie 5-7-10 J Bramhill (5) 6

3-1 The Butterwick Kid, 9-2 Teejay'n'aitch, 8-1 Sun Mark, Kathryn's Pet, Jubran, Ambidextrous, Father Eddie, 10-1 others.

7.30 LEVENHALL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

SKY

(3-Y-O: £2,618: 1m 4f) (5)

1 02-2 HIGH ON LIFE 38 A Stewart 9-0 S Whitworth 2
2 - IN THE GENES J Berry 9-0 M Gallagher 1
3 0-2 RHEINBOLD 21 T Easterby 9-0 G Carter 3
4 6064 ARBOREAL 9 (V) L Stubbs 8-9 R Winston (7) 5
5 5 LINEA-G 14 Mrs [illegible] 8-9 A Culhane 4

4-9 High On Life, 9-2 Rheinbold, Linea-G, 10-1 Arboreal, 16-1 In The Genes.

8.00 FISHERROW SELLING STAKES

(£2,234: 1m) (6)

1 5530 NORTHERN FAN 2 (D,G) N Tinkler 5-9-12 K Sked (7) 4
2 106- DIAMOND CROWN 193 (D,F) M Wane 6-9-7 J Carroll 5
3 4922 DICTATION 3 J J O'Neill 5-9-7 J F Egan 2
4 0240 FLAGSTAFF 28 (V) K Burke 4-9-7 O Urbina 3
5 -455 POWER GAME 21 (B,D,F,G) J Berry 4-9-7 G Carter 1
6 600- SHE'S A WINNER 332 (D,S) P Monteith 4-9-2 J Bramhill (5) 6

13-8 Northern Fan, 2-1 Power Game, 9-2 Dictation, 8-1 Diamond Crown, 10-1 Flagstaff, 33-1 She's A Winner

8.30 MUSSELBURGH HONEST TOUN HANDICAP STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,688: 1m) (10)

1 -563 SHADED 11 J Watts 9-7 J Carroll 1
2 0460 ABSTONE QUEEN 14 (V,F,G) P Evans 9-6 J F Egan 2
3 -410 POLARIZE 7 (B,CD,S) T Barron 9-6 A Culhane 9
4 0-54 MANHATTAN DIAMOND 53 A Bailey 9-1 K Hodgson 7
5 603 SWEET *NOTE 15 Miss L Perratt 9-1* *O Urbina 10*
6 0-00 BURLESQUE 13 (B) J Bethell 8-13 S Whitworth 3
7 2426 TYCOON TINA 10 W M Brisbourne 8-11 — 6
8 0-55 SAMSPET 10 R Fahey 8-5 R Winston (7) 8
9 0-00 SEE YOU SOON 47 C Thornton 8-5 D McKeown 5
10 0-00 GOLD CLIPPER 23 M Ryan 8-0 G Carter 4

4-1 Polarize, 5-1 Abstone Queen, 11-2 Shaded, Manhattan Diamond, 7-1 Sweet Note, 8-1 Tycoon Tina, Gold Clipper, 12-1 others.

9.00 MUSSELBURGH LINKS HANDICAP STAKES

(£3,168: 7f 30yd) (13)

1 2-25 BROCTUNE GOLD 10 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-13 A Culhane 13
2 5023 RYMER'S RASCAL 10 (BF,S) E Alston 5-9-6 D McKeown 11
3 0030 NAUGHTY PISTOL 24 (B,F,G) P Evans 5-9-3 J F Egan 6
4 5042 LA DOLCE VITA 7 (D,G) T Barron 3-9-2 J Carroll 9
5 00-4 NKAPEN ROCKS 13 J H Wilson 4-9-1 G Carter 2
6 -022 DANCING SIOUX 16 (D,G) R Guest 5-9-1 J Fanning 10
7 006/ KING CHESTNUT 575 (CD,F) M Dods 6-9-1 S Whitworth 7
8 0050 MOST RESPECTFUL 10 D Smith 4-8-13 R Winston (7) 3
9 -000 EURO SCEPTIC 23 (B,D,F,G) T Easterby 5-8-8 R Havlin (3) 4
10 000- MISS PIGALLE 193 (CD,F) Miss L Perratt 6-7-11 N Kennedy 12
11 0000 RATTLE 11 D Nolan 4-7-10 J Bramhill (5) 8
12 -003 RAGTIME COWGIRL 11 (C,F) D Nolan 4-7-10 P Bradley (7) 1
13 -530 SECONDS AWAY 17 J Goldie 6-7-10 J McAuley (7) 5

4-1 La Dolce Vita, 11-2 Broctune Gold, 13-2 Rymer's Rascal, Dancing Sioux, 8-1 Naughty Pistol, Euro Sceptic, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Guest, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30%; N Tinkler, 8 from 34, 23.5%; A Bailey, 5 from 23, 21.7%; P Evans, 6 from 29, 20.7%; J Berry, 30 from 153, 19.6%; T Etherington, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: A Culhane, 10 winners from 53 rides, 18.9%; D Wright, 5 from 37, 13.5%. No other qualifiers.

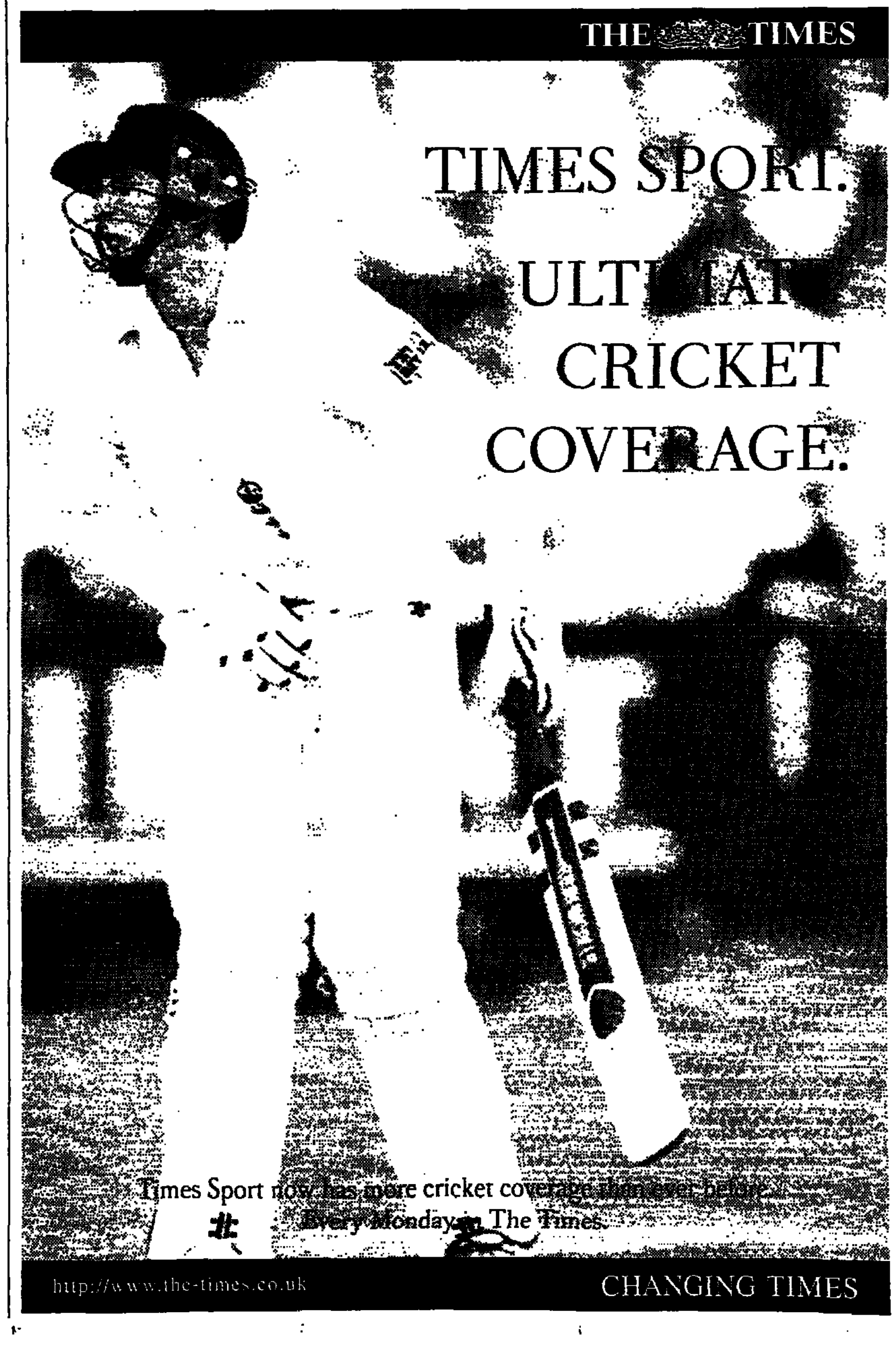
LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Johnston	39	37	23	1	-48.33
G L Moore	27	22	12	1	-8.81
R Hannon	27	24	22	1	-82.34
M Stoute	24	12	14	1	+27.31
R Hollinshead	24	23	27	2	-94.01
D Nicholls	23	15	12	1	-15.90
J Dunlop	21	15	10	1	-0.70
J Berry	21	22	17	1	-44.25
J Eyre	19	18	16	2	-29.38
Miss G Kelleway	18	16	11	25	-38.66
P Haslam	17	13	11	14	+12.21
P Cole	15	7	12	1	+38.15
W Muir	15	12	14	4	-17.65
Mrs M Reveley	14	11	9	4	-12.50
T Barron	14	11	12	8	-10.14

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
K Fallon	42	39	36	8	+17.18
J Weaver	40	31	23	0	+5.18
Pat Eddery	38	25	17	11	-43.66
L Dettori	34	24	21	1	-20.66
D Holland	34	30	25	1	-45.96
S Sanders	32	44	32	4	-109.90
A Clark	29	23	16	12	+62.35
S Drowne	28	18	14	15	-24.09
J Reid	24	13	21	3	-52.41
K Darley	23	21	18	2	+9.63
T Quinn	23	18	23	2	-0.92
M Hills	20	16	16	4	-12.08
D Harrison	20	27	28	9	-81.06
A Culhane	20	26	16	3	-79.00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CYCLING

Obree eyes grant for quick return to track

By Peter Bryan

GRAEME OBREE *may yet* return to international racing this year, even though he announced his retirement last Thursday. The former world pursuit champion and one-hour record-holder confirmed yesterday that, should he be awarded a sufficiently attractive grant by the Sports Council from National Lottery funds, he could afford to train properly for the world track championships in Perth, Australia, in August.

"But it's all a question of time," he said. "I was given a £10,000 grant last year by the Scottish Sports Council to help me prepare for the Atlanta Olympics and then the world championships in Manchester."

Jim Hendry, chief executive of the British Cycling Federation, said that grant applications for individuals and for the federation had been submitted last month. "I understand that the first grants will be announced on Tuesday," he said, but added that he believed cycling would not be among them.

"However, we would hope that the application for Graeme will be successful but we don't yet know when."

Obree, who won the world pursuit crown in 1993 and 1995, said: "If a grant were available — and quickly — I would welcome it and target the world pursuit title."

Chris Boardman, the world 400 metres champion and record-holder, confirmed that he will not defend his title in Australia but will concentrate on the Tour de France.

Sean Yates, who has also ruled himself out of selection, opting for domestic events only, yesterday set a new event record of 2hr 52min 27sec in the Redmon CC 74.5 mile time-trial. He was more than nine minutes clear of Eamonn Dean, the former event record-holder.

Ivo Tennant on prolific cricketing feats at a school of sporting excellence

Brooks impresses Twyford as a cut above the average

PREP school cricket matches were once straightforward events. A boy scoring 40 or so runs would invariably ensure victory for his first XI, and, in so doing, gain plaudits from his headmaster, his colours from his captain and sweets from matron. To average 304, as Jamie Brooks, a 13-year-old left-hander, has done in the first half of this summer term would have been nothing more than a pipe dream.

It is not as if this is a poor standard of cricket. Brooks is at Twyford School, which is near Winchester. Thomas Hughes, author of *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, was there in the 1830s. This is thought to be the oldest prep school in the country, where once the boys were made to eat in silence at meal times and where cricket has long been a part of the curriculum. A former Hampshire wicketkeeper, Bob Stephenson, is the full-time head of sport.

There are other good cricketers. The first XI is captained not by Brooks but by Robert Devonshire, who has contributed useful scores this term. James Entwisle, a leg spinner, took six for 16 against Lord Wandsworth College, Basingstoke. Other opponents include Horace Hill, a famous prep school near Newbury, and Edgeborough, near Farnham, whom Twyford beat on Saturday by nine wickets in a run chase.

Edgeborough, like Twyford, is a mixed prep school. The girls prefer rounders to cricket. Sport is taken seriously (Bob Tisdall, now 90, the oldest living track and field Olympic gold medal-winner, is an old boy). On Saturday, when the weather was steamy and the ball was lifting from a length on a difficult pitch, Edgeborough declared later than anticipated, partly, perhaps, because Brooks's reputation preceded him. A total of 104 for five was reached by Twyford with three overs to spare.

When victory was achieved, Brooks had made 58, having earlier taken three wickets. Indeed, he has been dismissed only once thus far this term. His previous scores are one, 72 not out, a further unbeaten innings of 72 and 101 not out. He would have kept Thomas Hughes in gainful employment. Brooks has played for Hampshire under-13s and will be going on to Bradfield College, assuming he passes common entrance. Its cricket master will have his eye on him, for sure.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

The Twyford headmaster, Philip Fawkes, believes that success in sport "gives a boy confidence and knocks on to the classroom". The school's main ground, visible from the drive and recently levelled, is highly picturesque. In 1994, the first XI took part in the Sir Garfield Sobers tournament in Barbados, and, remarkably, won six of their seven matches. On several occasions, their opponents were one or two years older. The England side that took part in the under-15 World Cup last year included two old boys, James Adams and John Francis. Each scored a century in what was a high-class competition.

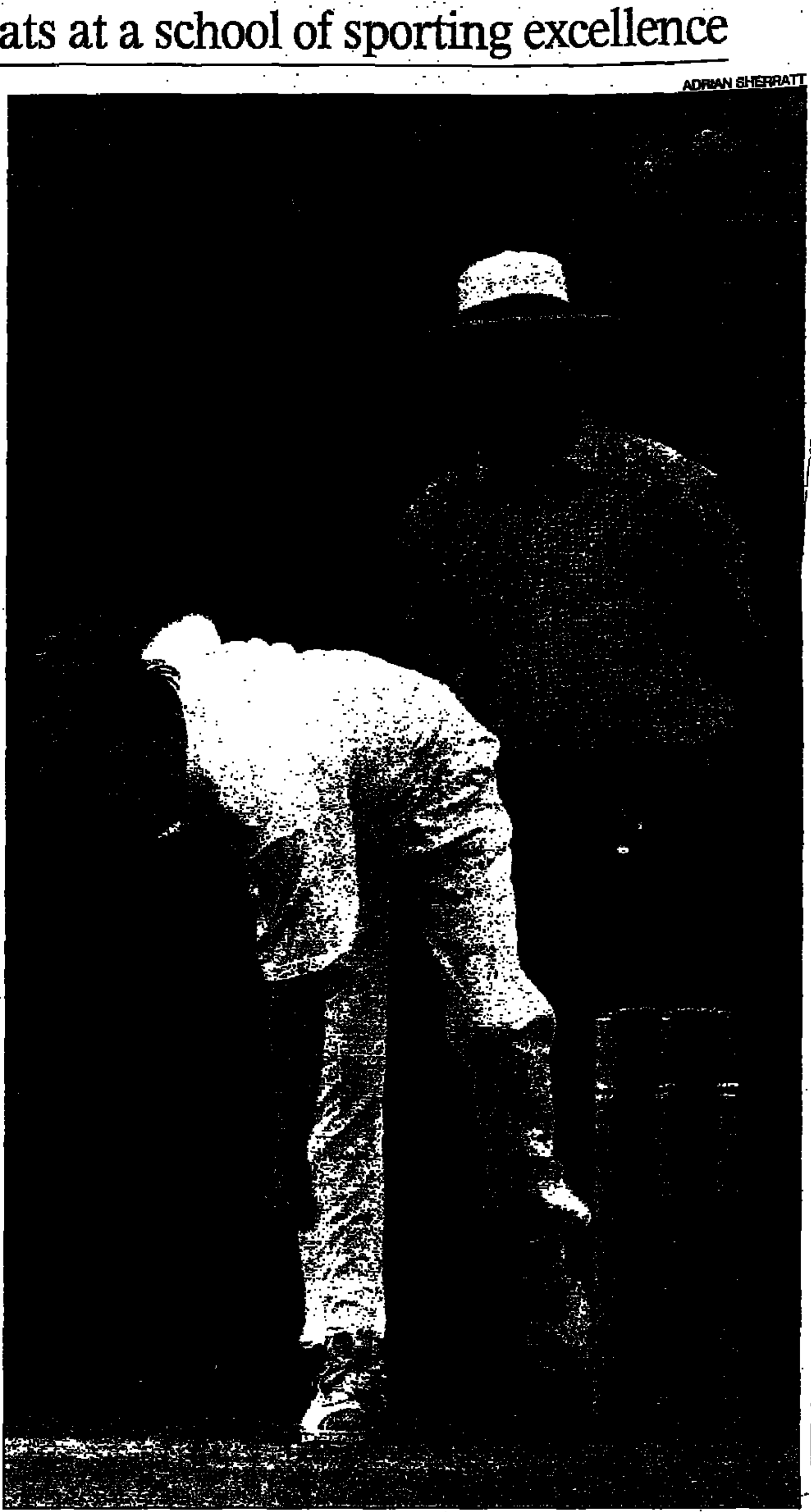
"We play no less sport than any other prep school," Fawkes said. "A dozen of the girls play cricket. My philosophy is broad brush — music is very strong here. And I am pleased we are bucking the trend in the number of pupils who board. We attract boarders, I think, because we put a lot of time into pastoral care and evening activities." There are 83 pre-prep pupils and 182 in the prep school itself.

Another old boy, Robert Moore, was featured in *The Times* last year after scoring 183 in a 25-overs-a-side match for King Edward VI School, in Southampton. Edward Whitcomb, who is now at Winchester, has captained Hampshire under-15s. James Adams's brother, Ben, has represented the West of England at under-15 level. No wonder Sobers, the greatest of all cricketers, visited Twyford in this country as well as watching the school in Barbados.

Around a third of the boys go on to Winchester College. As befits a school of great antiquity — it moved to its present site in 1813 — there are any number of famous old boys: Alexander Pope; the politicians Richard Crossman and Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, who returned recently to open the new sports hall and swimming-pool, part of a £1.8 million development; Sir Hubert Parry, composer of *Jerusalem*, and Mark Tully, of BBC fame.

The school's motto, *It's Dogged As Does It*, refers to the race between the tortoise and the hare. It is even depicted on the helmets of any number of Twyford's talented cricketers.

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Brooks's prowess as an all-rounder has contributed heavily to Twyford's success

MOTORCYCLING

Doohan's cautious approach pays off

By Our Sports Staff

MICHAEL DOOHAN, the 500cc world champion, won the Italian Grand Prix for the fourth year in a row yesterday in a race that became a procession after his rivals made mistakes.

The win was the Australian's fifth victory in a row at the Mugello racetrack north of Florence. The triple world champion won the San Marino grand prix there in 1993.

Luca Cadalora, of Italy, was second on a Yamaha, 10.056sec behind, and Nbuatsu Aoki, of Japan, was third on a Honda.

It was Doohan's third win in four races and left him comfortably in the lead in the championship standings with 95 points, ahead of Alex Crille, his Spanish teammate, on 78.

Doohan, who secured his first pole position of the season on Saturday, made a cautious start and was back in fourth place after the first lap, with Taayuki Okada, the Japanese Honda rider, leading and Crille a close second. However, the Australian threaded his way into the lead by the end of lap four and jostled with Okada for two more laps.

From the seventh, he was in front to the finish. Behind him, Crille went wide into a sand trap on the ninth lap and spent the rest of the race catching up. The Honda rider finished fourth. Okada retired in the twelfth lap after narrowly avoiding a fall.

This was Doohan's 37th victory and brought him level with Mike Halwood, of Britain, in the all-time list of wins. He trails behind only the 68 victories registered by Gacomo Agotini, the Italian hero.

"Doohan is racing like he's from another planet right now," Cadaora said, "but we'll continue to fight him. We've been fighting to get back on the podium."

ATHLETICS

IAAF faces drugs dilemma

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) may have to consider allowing all athletes who fail drug tests, but who protest their innocence, to compete pending the outcome of appeals procedures. The disclosure yesterday that Sandra Farmer-Patrick, of the United States, competed in the Atlanta Olympic Games soon after returning a positive sample further undermines the IAAF doping regulations, coming three days after similar revelations relating to Mary Slaney.

Farmer-Patrick, once Sally Gunnell's closest rival, produced a urine sample at the United States Olympic trials that showed excessive levels of testosterone. However, the results were not made public by USA Track and Field, her national governing body, nor by the IAAF, and she was allowed to compete in the 400 metres hurdles in Atlanta, where she was eliminated in the semi-finals. It is not known whether Farmer-Patrick intends to appeal, but Slaney, who also tested positive for testosterone at the Olympic trials, is protesting her innocence.

Under IAAF laws, athletes who fail drugs tests are supposed to be banned by their national federations pending the outcome of the appeals procedures. However, increasingly, competitors are being allowed on to the track while investigations are under way.

The futility of the IAAF edict is particularly marked in the United States. "We ask federations to suspend immediately, but the problem with the US is very different," Giorgio Reineri, an IAAF spokesman, said. "You cannot suspend the athlete until you are absolutely sure the case is positive. The law in the US is very different and we must respect this. We cannot ask the American federation to suspend an athlete."

Asked whether the IAAF could continue to operate double standards, whereby some national federations enforce immediate suspensions while others do not, Reineri said: "That is an interesting question." As recently as March, the IAAF admitted that it was powerless, in some countries, to enforce four-year bans and reinstated a group of athletes who had served only two years. The IAAF is expected to change its rules in July, to reduce first-offence bans from four years to two.

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BADMINTON

Bradbury holds key to England's hopes

By Richard Eaton

CHINA won six of seven world table tennis titles in Manchester earlier this month, and, by the beginning of next month, they may well have won five out of six at the badminton world championships in Glasgow.

These are startling statistics, particularly as the badminton world championships, like their table tennis equivalent, are by far the largest event staged by the sport, with levels of professionalism notably more widespread since its Olympic Games debut in Barcelona in 1992 and the record number of 68 nations now taking part.

Bradbury: confident

The championships begin with the Sudirman Cup team event today, England having the misfortune of providing the opposition when China open their title defence tomorrow. Steve Baddeley, the England manager, nevertheless believes they can remain in the top group of six, which would be a worthy achievement given their funding problems of the recent past.

Julie Bradbury, who suffered a miscarriage and considered retirement not long ago, appears to have regained the levels of fitness and confidence that made her a world-class player in two doubles events. "She is the key," Baddeley said, suggesting that he may risk asking her to take on the physical demands of playing both women's and mixed doubles in England's important matches.

Six weeks of preparation — their longest such period — plus the formidable help of South Korea's former world doubles champion, Park Joo-bong, have given England a glimmer of a chance of overcoming Park's compatriots in their second match on Wednesday, particularly as the Koreans have lost two Olympic champions, Bang Soo-hyun and Gil Young-Ah, since the Atlanta Games. If England lose, their survival in the top group may depend on beating Sweden on Friday.

The biggest threat to China comes from Indonesia, who have the defending men's singles champion, Heryanto Arbi, and the legendary former women's singles champion, Susi Susanti, who is playing in the world championships for the last time.

BOWLS

Evans given 12-month ban

By David Rhys Jones

JOHN EVANS, who once got into trouble with the Torquay United manager for playing bowls when he should have been taking part in pre-season football training, has now crossed swords with the Devon County Bowling Association, for putting football before bowls.

Evans stayed at home on Saturday to watch the FA Cup Final when he was supposed to be playing in a trial to finalise Devon's Middleton Cup team to take on Wiltshire on June 7.

John Smerdon, the Devon bowls secretary and a county selector, said: "Evans did not turn up to the trial at Exeter, and failed to offer an adequate excuse, so we had no alternative but to ban him for 12 months."

The ban dates from the time of the offence, so Evans, who won a silver medal at bowls in the Commonwealth Games in Duneadon in 1974, will also be excluded from next year's trial, and will therefore not be considered for Devon's Middleton Cup side until 1999.

"I'm fairly relaxed about it," Evans said. "I'm sorry that they felt they had to ban me. I would still be prepared to turn out for Devon if they wanted me, but I'm finding it hard to motivate myself.

"I'm a football fan, and found the call of the FA Cup Final irresistible — although the game was a bit of a disappointment. But it was a better proposition to sit at home watching football on television than to play bowls on the sort of outdoor greens that we have to put up with these days.

"Playing all winter, as I do, on a true, fast-running carpet like the one at Teignbridge, in Newton Abbot, it's not much fun in May to be faced with the ploughed fields that pass for bowling greens. The outdoor green in Devon are appalling."

It was in 1966 that Evans, then 19, defied a ban imposed by Frank O'Farrell, the Torquay United manager, to play in the National Outdoors Bowls Championships at Mortlake.

"Torquay had sent me to London to start pre-season training with Chelsea, so I didn't have to go," Evans said.

Then, fans preferred bowls to Chelsea; on Saturday, he preferred Chelsea to bowls, and has paid the penalty.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Silvestri strike slays the Dragons

A 43-YARD field goal with 40 seconds remaining by Don Silvestri gave London Monarchs a 9-7 victory over the Dragons in Barcelona, and some sort of revenge for their embarrassing second-half collapse against the Dragons two weeks ago. It also kept alive their hopes that they can return to Spain for the World Bowl next month (Richard Wetherell writes).

Saturday's victory was achieved for the most part with their third-string quarterback, Kelly Joseph, after Preston Jones, himself a replacement for the injured Stan White, suffered a knee injury in the first half. Joseph completed 19 of 35 passes for 185 yards with no interceptions or touchdowns.

The Monarchs' other points came from two Clive Allen field goals, of 32 and 27 yards, in the first half. After an uncertain start to his new career, where, thanks to the Monarchs' lack of offense he was barely involved, the former soccer player has now kicked five consecutive field goals.

The home side's points came just before half-time, when Jon Jtma threw a one-yard touchdown pass to Sheddrick Wilson.

In Frankfurt, the largest crowd since the World League returned in 1995 — 39,182 — saw Rhein Fire defeat the Galaxy 210.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): **Southampton:** Hampshire v Glamorgan. **Canterbury:** Kent v MCC Young Cricketers. **Leek:** Minor Counties v Warwickshire; **Park Avenue, Bradford:** Yorkshire v Derbyshire

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Andersen Consulting world championship European round (The Buckinghamshire, Denham)

RACING: Bath (2.15); Southwell (AW, 2.30); Musselburgh (6.30); Windsor (6.15)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Wolverhampton v Eastbourne (7.30). **Premier League:** Exeter v Berwick (7.30). **Premier League Cup:** Reading v Oxford (7.30)

TOMORROW

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (50 overs): **Chester-le-Street:** *Durham v Australians*

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World team championships (at Glasgow)

GOLF: Andersen Consulting world championship European round (at The Buckinghamshire, Denham).

RACING: Goodwood (2.10); Beverley (2.25)

SPEEDWAY: Individual: Craven Park Classic (at Hull, 7.30)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Final, second leg: Internazionale (0) v Schalke 04 (1) (7.45)

WORLD CUP: European qualifying group eight: Ireland v Liechtenstein (at Lansdowne Road, 7.30)

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): **Chester-le-Street:** Durham v Worcestershire; **Cardiff:** Glamorgan v Hampshire; **Gloucester:** Gloucestershire v Essex; **Old Trafford:** Lancashire v Northamptonshire; **Leicester:** Leicestershire v Surrey; **Trent Bridge:** Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire; **Taunton:** Somerset v Yorkshire; **Horsham:** Sussex v Kent; **Edgbaston:** Warwickshire v Middlesex.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World team championships (at Glasgow)

RACING: Goodwood (2.10); Ayr (2.30); Worcester (2.20); Newton Abbot (6.10); Uttoxeter (6.25).

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: King's Lynn v Bradford (7.45); Poole v Belle Vue (7.30); **Premier League:** Long Eaton v Newcastle (7.45)

TENNIS: WTA world doubles Cup (at Edinburgh).

THURSDAY

CRICKET

TEXACO TROPHY ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (50 overs) **Headingley:** England v Australia.

FOOTBALL

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Play-off, second leg: * Airdrie (0) v Hibernian (1) (8.0)

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Cordoba v England XV (at Cordoba, midnight); Northland v Ireland Development XV (at Whangarei, 8.35am)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Salford Reds v St Helens (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World team championships (at Glasgow)

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials

RACING: Goodwood (2.10); Newcastle (2.30), Exeter (2.20).

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Ipswich v Eastbourne (7.30) Premier League: Sheffield v Long Eaton (7.45).

TENNIS: WTA world doubles Cup (at Edinburgh).

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

kick-off 7.30 unless stated

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls v Oldham Bears; London Broncos v Warrington Wolves; Sheffield Eagles v Halifax Blue Sox; Wigan Warriors v Castleford Tigers. **First division:** Featherstone Rovers v Whitehaven Warriors, Huddersfield Giants v Swinton Lions; Hull v Keighley Cougars (8.0); Wakefield Trinity v Hull Kingston Rovers, Workington Town v Widnes Vikings. **Second division:** Carlisle Border Raiders v Doncaster Dragons; Hunslet Hawks v Barrow Braves; Prescot Panthers v Batley Bulldogs; Rochdale Hornets v York Wasps

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World team championships (at Glasgow).

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials.

GOLF: Volvo PGA Championship (at Wentworth).

RACING: Brighton (2.10); Haydock Park (2.0); Nottingham (2.20); Pontefract (6.40); Towcester (6.20)

SPEEDWAY: *Elite League:* Belle Vue v Wolverhampton (7.30), Peterborough v Ipswich (7.30). **Premier League:** Edinburgh v Stoke (7.30) **Premier League Cup:** Arena Essex v Oxford (8.0).

TENNIS: WTA world doubles Cup (at Edinburgh).

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v South Africa (at Old Trafford, 8.0).

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Third division: Play-offs: Final: Northampton v Swansea (at Wembley, 3.0)

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Final: Kilmarnock v Falkirk (at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow, 3.0)

CRICKET

TEXACO TROPHY ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (50 overs) **The Oval:** England v Australia.

RUGBY UNION

SANYO CUP: Wasps v World XV (at Twickenham, 3.0)

TOUR MATCHES: Buenos Aires v England XV (at Buenos Aires, 7.30); Eastern Province Inv XV v British Isles XV (at Port Elizabeth, 2.15).

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League (WLAF): Frankfurt v London Monarchs (7.0)

BADMINTON: World team championships (at Glasgow).

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials.

GOLF: Volvo PGA Championship (at Wentworth); St Andrews Links Trophy (at St Andrews).

RACING: Doncaster (2.0); Haydock Park (2.0); Kempton Park (2.05); Lingfield Park (AW, 6.10); Warwick (6.20); Wolverhampton (AW, 7.0); Cartmel (2.10); Hexham (2.15)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Bradford v Swindon (7.30); Coventry v Peterborough (7.30); Eastbourne v Belle Vue (7.30). **Premier League:** Stoke v Arena Essex (7.30). **Premier League Cup:** Berwick v Hull (7.30).

TENNIS: WTA world doubles Cup (at Edinburgh).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Play-offs: Final: Brentford v Crewe (at Wembley, 3.0

CRICKET

TEXACO TROPHY ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (overs): **Lord's:** England v Australia.

AXA LIFE LEAGUE (40 overs): **Chester-le-Street:** Durham v Worcestershire; **Cardiff:** Glamorgan v Hampshire; **Gloucester:** Gloucestershire v Essex; **Old Trafford:** Lancashire v Northamptonshire, **Leicester:** Leicestershire v Surrey; **Trent Bridge:** Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire; **Taunton:** Somerset v Yorkshire; **Horsham:** Sussex v Kent; **Edgbaston:** Warwickshire v Middlesex.

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League (WLAF): Rhein v Scottish Claymores (3.0)

BADMINTON: World championships (at Glasgow).

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials.

GOLF: Volvo PGA Championship (at Wentworth). St Andrews Links Trophy (at St Andrews).

HOCKEY: Women's HA Cup: Final: Hightown v Clifton (2.30); Plate, final: Driffield v ynton (10.0am); Under-15 Cup: Final: Harleston Magpies v Queenswood (noon); International match: England v United States (5.0) (at Milton Keynes).

SPEEDWAY: Individual: Bob Jones Memorial Trophy (at Swindon, 6.0). **Premier League:** Glasgow v Arena Essex (6.30); Newport v Sheffield (2.30); Oxford v Edinburgh (0).

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Jennai Cox finds out why Hollywood stars prefer power yoga to the trendy fitness fads of the past decade

Stretch that means life

The surya namaskar exercise involves 18 movements and 18 breaths: hang your head between straight, locked arms with your bottom in the air and try to lay your feet flat. Bend one knee and bring the foot between your arms, rise and balance with arms outstretched in the warrior position.

Go down again and do the same on the opposite side. As I stand red-faced after the three or four minutes this takes to complete, our teacher, Paul Laurenson, tells the class the original yogis would repeat the posture "an auspicious 108 times". He lets us off lightly with five.

Yoga has many purposes and hundreds of variations. First brought to the UK during the reign of Queen Victoria it boomed in the Sixties and Seventies before disappearing along with other hippy trends during the Eighties.

But in the health-conscious Nineties hatha (or physical) yoga is experiencing a renaissance, particularly among men.

Along with women, they are realising not only the physical and mental benefits of this ancient form of exercise, but have also been attracted by a new stronger strain, known as power yoga, which is finding favour among top athletes here and in the US.

Warming to the idea I attend an astanga vinyasa class (one of the more strenuous types) at the City Yoga Centre in east London.

Even though this is a beginner's class I am told that, being pregnant, I must follow modifications of all the movements demonstrated by Lynne Pinette, who taught Jemima Khan before the birth of her son Sulaiman last November.

Expecting a few gentle stretches and relaxation techniques I find myself unprepared for the demanding levels of physical exertion and concentration required — even in the watered down version.

So that we can get in tune with ourselves there is no music, just burning incense mixed with the smell of bare feet as we stand on thin mats to avoid slipping. The studio is airy and light with beechwood coloured floorboards and white ropes hanging from the walls. Experts use them for headstands.

Mostly we are in the downward dog position (picture a Labrador stretching) and, unaccustomed to the rigours of continuous bending, I feel the blood rush to my head and stiff bones clicking every time my hands hit the floor. Yet as the class progresses, muscles begin to loosen and my body adjusts to the suppleness needed for the moves.

'It involves unlearning all the physical inhibitions we pick up as we grow'

After Mr Laurenson has demonstrated each posture, everyone copies in their own time and at their own pace. Astanga classes are made up of a series of moves which demand that you breathe only through your nose, concentrate on what your body is doing and learn better balance and control.

We spend most of the time bending and stretching spines, arms and legs; reaching each position involves almost every muscle in the body.

Hatha yoga actually involves unlearning all the physical inhibitions we pick up as we grow — children are said to love it. All the others in the class — mostly regulars — look relaxed and composed, very well toned and incredibly supple. This discipline is exhausting yet renewing; my mind is calm, but my body feels awakened for days after.

Yoga, from the Sanskrit word yuj meaning "to unite", leaves me after a one-hour session with an uncommon sensation of physical and mental togetherness.

In power yoga, as it is becoming more popularly known, the postures (asanas) affect joints, glands, nerves, internal organs and bones as well as muscles. The positions are not held for as long as in other forms of yoga, making it faster, more dynamic and probably more tiring. Athletes are attracted by its physicality and persevere for the many other benefits that practising brings.

Frank Bruno recently inquired about one-to-one classes. With Jodie Foster, Warren Beatty and Rob Lowe among its practitioners, power yoga is spurring the revived interest.

Following almost 20 years of stagnation, teachers in Europe estimate participation to be rising by up to 20 per cent a year, especially in Britain, where there are about 250,000 regular students, as well as France, Germany and The Netherlands.

Teachers believe that as a new generation grows tired of the fast and furious fitness fads of the past decade with their short-term benefits, they will turn increasingly to yoga.

"Physical yoga fills a mental and physical gap in people's lives," says Paul Laurenson. "It is the most complete form of exercise. I think its time has come."

By practising from ten to twenty minutes, five times a week, the body is quickly conditioned to overcome its habitual tightness and become flexible. Almost all of those in the class I attend could make their nose touch their knees without bending their legs.

But this is not a precondition to start. There are forms to suit every age, level of fitness and physical ability. Unlike aerobics or running, pregnant women can do it until the day they give birth.

Claims six years ago that, because it was invented by male Indian mystics, yoga is unsuitable for women are unfounded, Mr Laurenson says. Women practised in equal numbers to men when it originated in India 5,000 years ago, but with the rise of patriarchy, they were gradually banished. They now far outnumber male yogis in the West.

The most commonly used forms in Europe and the US focus on the physical, but there are other types, such as iyengar, which is more static and concentrates on bodily alignment, or sivananda, which uses meditation.

There is also evidence to suggest that when adapted, yoga can help relieve modern ills such as back pain and stress. Dr Robin Munro, a former research biochemist, founded the Yoga Biomedical Trust in 1983 in Cambridge to explore the healing nature of the practice after it cured his asthma. Studies in the US and India prove it can help ease diabetes, lower blood pressure, aid digestion and even slow ageing.

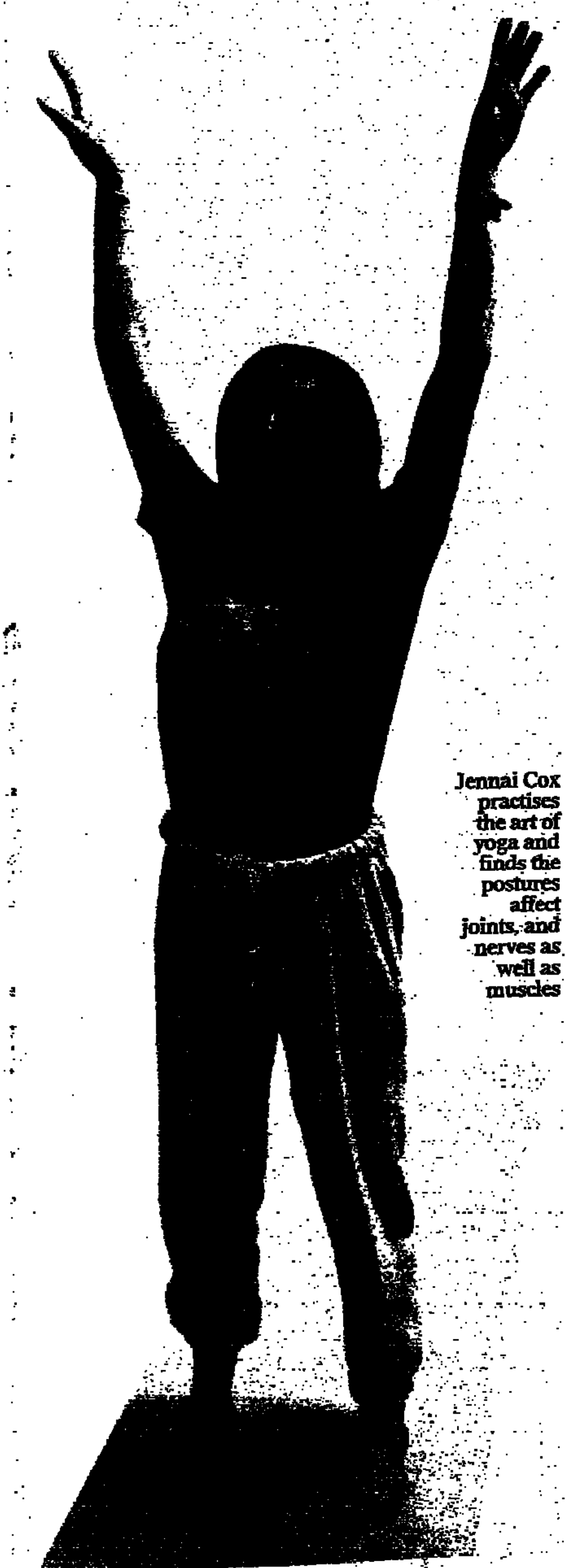
Yoga is also used to treat sports injuries and, as psychology and stretching play an ever larger part in elite training, research is being conducted into how it can benefit the performance of top athletes.

Martina Navratilova is said to have used some techniques to keep her in peak fitness during her Wimbledon days, and Dr Lynn Fitzgerald, a reader in sports science at Brunel University and former competitive long distance runner, says she could not have set her 100-mile records without practising iyengar yoga.

Having heard the evidence and now fully recovered from the initiation into yoga I am ready to return. If it feels this good after one class, what about after a lifetime?

ALAN WELLER

Reaching out at the City Yoga Centre, where the studio is airy and light with ropes hanging from the walls that experts use for headstands



Jennai Cox practises the art of yoga and finds the postures affect joints, and nerves as well as muscles

GETTING STARTED

■ TAKING yoga instruction from an unqualified teacher can be dangerous, so always look for a British Standards Approval (BSA) certificate and make sure your teacher is aware if you are a beginner, pregnant or experience any health problems.

■ CITY Yoga Centre offers a range of classes, courses and workshops from beginner to experienced level, including self-practice classes from 6.30 every morning. Mother and baby classes with Lynne Pinette start this month: 0171-253 3000.

■ YOGA for Health Foundation, Ickwell, Bedfordshire, runs residential courses from beginner to experienced level, plus specialist courses for people with health problems such as arthritis, MS and ME. The foundation also has a nationwide network of clubs: 01767 627271.

■ YOGA Biomedical Trust, Cambridge, conducts research into the medical benefits of yoga and has lists of teachers around the country: 01223 367301.

■ YOGA Therapy Centre offers therapeutic forms of yoga to treat ailments such as asthma, back pain and hosts pre and post-natal exercise classes: 0171-833 7267.

■ THE British Wheel of Yoga, the governing body, has lists of qualified teachers: 01529 306851.

■ THE Iyengar Yoga Institute classes concentrate on posture and alignment: 0171-624 3080.

■ SIVANANDA Yoga Centre classes concentrate on meditation: 0181-780 0160.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

A passive lead may not give away a trick, but it can certainly provide information about the leader's hand. This is an example from the TGR high game.

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♣4 3

♠K Q J 9 2
♥J 4 2
♦J 6
♣A K 10

Contract: Three No-trumps by South. Lead: eight of spades

With engaging modesty the declarer has asked not to be named. All I can say is that he is tall, good-looking, a member of the British bridge team for the upcoming Maccabean Games, and the owner of a bridge club. He opened One No-trump (15-17) and North raised to Three No-trumps. At TGR's they often open marginal 15-17 point hands with One No-trump, as they play that the sequence One Spade — Two of a new suit — Two No-trumps shows a minimum opening bid.

What about the lead? My experience of leading doubletons is that it too often carves up my partner's holding. I think that the choice of lead from the West hand is between the seven of hearts (second best from bad suits) or the ace of diamonds.

Declarer played low from dummy on the spade lead and East put up the ten. Now, what is known about West's hand? First, he does not have a five-card suit, else he would have led it. Second, he appears to have led from a doubleton spade (the standard lead from 8 x x in spades is the middle card). That means that he has at least three clubs. Furthermore, even a player who likes passive leads would be more likely to lead from three small clubs than from a doubleton spade.

Hence, it is likely that the queen of clubs is offside, and protected. Our hero absorbed all this in a trice, won the first trick with the king of spades and placed the ten of clubs on the Cain and Abel. You could hardly expect a player who leads from doubletons against 1 NT — 3 NT to sniff that one out, so West played low and Three No-trumps came home.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Adams wins

Grandmaster Michael Adams was one of the stalwarts of the England team that won the gold medals in the European team championship at Pula. Adams scored a reliable 5/9 and in so doing inflicted the following defeat on the Hungarian grandmaster Almasi. Adams's weapon in this game was the sharp Marshall Gambit in the Ruy Lopez.

White: Zoltan Almasi
Black: Michael Adams
Pula, May 1997

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	c3	d5
9	exd5	Nxd5
10	Nxe5	Nxe5
11	Rxe5	c6
12	Re1	Bd6
13	d3	Qh4
14	g3	Qh3
15	Re4	Qd7
16	Nd2	Bb7
17	Re1	c5
18	Ne4	Be7
19	a4	b4
20	Bg5	Bxg5
21	Nxg5	bxc3
22	bxc3	h6
23	Ne4	Qc6
24	Qh5	Rad8
25	a5	f5
26	Nd2	Kh8
27	Nf3	Nf6

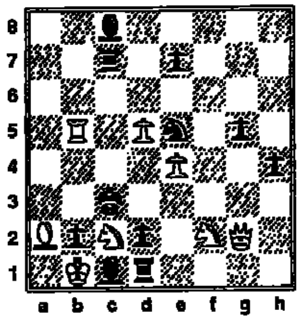
White resigns

Prize puzzle

The following position is the opening puzzle for the 1997 British chess solving championship. The problem is White to play and mate in two moves against any Black defence. Those wishing to enter should send a cheque or postal order for £3 to cover administrative expenses with their entry which should consist of White's first move only to: British Chess Problem Society, 9 Roydfield Drive, Waterthorpe, Sheffield S19 6ND. Those entering should enclose a stamped addressed envelope so that they can be notified if they have reached the second, postal stage of the championship.

Please mention that you are entering via *The Times* when you send in your answer. The championship is only open to UK residents. The closing date is July 31 1997. Good luck with your solving and I look forward to an excellent entry from *Times* readers, who, over the last few years have entered in considerably greater numbers than from any other national newspapers.

Diagram



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HALACOR
a. A pungent curry spice
b. A Belgian horn
c. An Untouchable

JETTAGE
a. A ballet movement
b. Harbour dues
c. Stuff thrown overboard

KENSPECKLE
a. A celeb
b. A speckled hen
c. To inspect

INFUNDIBULAR
a. From the beginning
b. Not cultivatable
c. Shaped like a funnel

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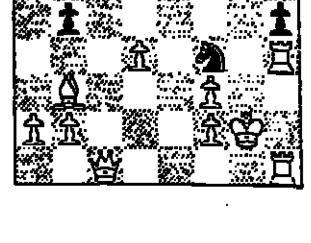
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Blackburne — Schwarz, Berlin 1881. White has an impressive concentration of force against the black kingside but his first priority is to deal with the check from the knight. What is the best way to do this?

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FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): Rhein Fire 21 Frankfurt Galaxy 20; Barcelona Dragons 7 London Monarchs 9; Scottish Claymores 10 Amsterdam Admirals 6

	W	L	Pct	F	A
Barcelona	4	2	.667	129	98
Rhein	4	2	.667	114	93
London	3	3	.500	83	121
S Claymores	3	3	.500	60	71
Amsterdam	2	4	.333	97	99
Frankfurt	2	4	.333	73	74

ATHLETICS

Track and field

CAMBRIDGE: University match: **Men: 100m:** A Lustgarten (Oxford) 11.0sec. **200m:** Lustgarten 21.6sec. **400m:** C McCaw (Oxford) 49.2sec. **800m:** J Trapmore (Cambridge) 1min 53.7sec. **1,500m:** Trapmore 3min 49.7sec. **5,000m:** D Leggate (Cambridge) 14min 58.0sec. **3,000m steeplechase:** H Loeb (Cambridge) 9min 17.8sec. **110m hurdles:** S Rogers (Cambridge) 15.6sec. **200m hurdles:** O Odudu (Cambridge) 25.0sec. **400m hurdles:** R Osborne (Cambridge) 55.7sec. **3km walk:** F Rose (Cambridge) 15min 16.3sec. **High jump:** J Brierley (Oxford) 2.20m (match record). **Pole vault:** P Faber (Oxford) 4.40m. **Long jump:** H Jenkins (Oxford) 6.71m. **Triple jump:** A Croskell (Oxford) 13.59m. **Shot:** Faber 14.80m. **Discus:** Faber 45.42m. **Hammer:** B Durrant (Cambridge) 50.90m. **Javelin:** Rogers 61.10m. **4 x 100m relay:** Oxford 43.2sec. **4 x 400m relay:** Oxford 3min 20.4sec. **Teams:** 1, Cambridge 113pts. 2, Oxford 109. **Women: 100m:** R Lewis (Cambridge) 12.7sec. **200m:** J Street (Oxford) 26.3sec. **400m:** E Casson (Cambridge) 59.6sec. **800m:** E O'Hare (Oxford) 2min 08.7sec (match record). **1,500m:** O'Hare 4min 39.0sec. **5,000m:** S Cook (Oxford) 18min 18.4sec (match record). **100m hurdles:** Lewis 15.6sec. **400m hurdles:** M Gibellato (Cambridge) 1min 7.6sec. **High jump:** C Boulton (Oxford) 1.60m. **Long jump:** Lewis 5.47m. **Triple jump:** J Bubikova (Cambridge) 11.06m. **Shot:** Lewis 11.31. **Discus:** S Winckless (Cambridge) 44.36m. **Hammer:** R Slott (Cambridge) 41.28m. **Javelin:** Lewis 35.12m. **4 x 100m relay:** Oxford 51.0sec. **4 x 400m relay:** Oxford 4min 04.8sec. **Teams:** 1, Cambridge 93pts. 2, Oxford 86.

Road running

GLASGOW: Britannia City of Glasgow women's 10km road race: 1, J Thompson (Bristol) 33min 17sec (course record). 2, T Duffy (Ire) 33 34. 3, J Iupino (Ken) 33 49; 4, A Verste (SA) 34 02. 5, Y Murray (Motherwell) 34.32; 6, L Motula (SA) 34 39

Road walking

VICTORIA PARK, Hackney: National 10 miles championships: 1, S Partington (Manx) 1hr 15min 34sec; 2, J O'Rawe (Leicester) 1 16.55. 3, A O'Rawe (Leicester) 1 17.20. Team: Leicester. Women: 1, V Lupton (Sheffield) 1 25.11. 2, L Bradley (Sheffield) 1 35.35. 3, C Reader (Ryston) 1 37 53. Team: Sheffield

Fell running

ISLE OF ARRAN: Goat fell hill race (9 miles): *Men: J Blackett (Mandale) 1hr 23min 09sec.* Team: Ochil HR 21 pts. Women: K Powell (Carnethy) 1 38 05

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Fremantle 14.14 (98) bt Brisbane Bears 15.3 (93); St Kilda 18.16 (124) bt Essendon 14.16 (100). Carlton 15.16 (106) bt Hawthorn 12.9 (81). Adelaide Crows 22.12 (144) bt Sydney Swans 8.7 (55); Geelong 19.14 (128) bt Melbourne 7.7 (49); North Melbourne 19.14 (128) bt Port Adelaide 15.10 (100)

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Second round: Eastern Conference: *Miami 95 New York 90 (best-of-seven series tied 3-3)*. Western Conference: Houston 96 Seattle 91 (Houston win series 4-3)

BOWLS

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Kent 111 Buckinghamshire 117

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lincolnshire 97 Worcestershire 109; Nottinghamshire 113 Warwickshire 119.

INTER-COUNTY MATCH: Oxfordshire 70 Gloucestershire 71 (match abandoned)

SCOTTISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: North section: Aberdeen and Kincardine 113 Northern Counties 105, Angus 114 Perthshire 120, Dundee 110 Buchan 112; Highland 98 Bon Accord 128. East section: Stirlingshire East 106 East Lothian 93, Fife 102 Linlithgowshire 127, Midlothian 121 West Fife 108, Edinburgh and Leith 145 Borders 83. West section: Clackmannan and Kinross 104 Dunbartonshire West 124, Glasgow North 105 Stirlingshire West 127; Renfrewshire West 133 Lanarkshire West 91. South section: Dumfriesshire 104 Renfrewshire South 99; Lanarkshire South 122 Glasgow South 93; Dunbartonshire East 115 Stewartry 122. Ayrshire 120 Wigtownshire 120.

BOXING

MANILA: World Boxing Council featherweight championship: L Espinosa (Phil, holder) bt M Medina (Mex) tko 8th (fight stopped due to injury sustained by Espinosa who was ahead on all cards).

HAMMANSKRAAL, South Africa: International Boxing Federation lightweight championship: P Holiday (SA, holder) bt P Talavera (US) pts.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Maidstone: Kent 318 and 38-1 dec; Essex 112-0 dec and 140-9. Match drawn

MCC TROPHY (one day): Preliminary round: Finchampstead: Berkshire 238-7 (G E Loveday 103, J P J Sylvester 55); Shropshire 242-5 (Asif Din 76 not out, I R Payne 57). Shropshire win by five wickets. Copdock: Suffolk 185-9 (P J Caley 63 not out); Staffordshire 186-1 (S J Dean 63, I Stokes 51 not out). Staffordshire win by nine wickets. Brockhampton: Herefordshire 311-5 (R G R Barlow 83, R Hall 76, S R Bevins 54 not out); Cornwall 200-9. *Herefordshire win by 111 runs.* Shenley Park: Hertfordshire 180 (S March 80; S Oakes 4-30); Lincolnshire 184-5 (J R Wileman 88 not out). Lincolnshire win by five wickets

RED STRIPE CUP (second day of four): Bridgetown: Windward Islands 82 (P Collins 4-36) and 161; Barbados 434-9 dec (F L Reifer 200, P A Wallace 121, R L Hoyte 50 not out). Barbados win by an innings and 191 runs. Charlestown, Nevis: Guyana 257 (R Sarwan 77), Leeward Islands 150-4 (K L T Arthurton 67 not out). Kingston: Trinidad and Tobago 160 and 119-4; Jamaica 226 (R Dhanraj 4-65).

FENCING

HENDON: British men's foil championship: 1, P Walsh (Sussex House); 2, K Beydoun (Sussex House). 3 equal, J Beevers (Cyrano) and G Ablett (Sussex House); 5, D Taylor (Boston), 6, H Lancaster (Sussex House); 7, K Abidogun (Boston), 8, N Payne (Salle Paul).

HANDBALL

KUMAMOTO, Japan: World championships: Group A: Iceland bt Japan 24-20; Lithuania bt Saudi Arabia 27-18. Group B: France bt Italy 25-21. Group C: Portugal bt Brazil 26-18. Group D: Russia bt Cuba 31-17.

HOCKEY

THE HAGUE: Men's European club championship: A division: Pool A: Pocztowiec (Pol) 8 Grammarians (Gibraltar) 2; *Harvestehuder (Ger) 3 Minsk (Bela) 2;* Minsk 3 Grammarians 1, Harvestehuder 2 Pocztowiec 1. Pool B: Egara (Sp) 3 Samara (Russ) 0; HGC (Holl) 11 Racing (Fr) 1; Racing 3 Samara 2; HGC 3 Egara 1

CAGLIARI, Italy: Men's European club championship: B division: Pool A: White Star (Bel) 2 Grange (Scot) 0; Instonians (N Ire) 6 Zorca Subotica (Yug) 1, Grange 11 Zorca 0; Instonians 2 White Star 2. Pool B: Cannock 5 Wiener AC (Austria) 2; Amsicora (It) 7 Swansea 0; Swansea 1 Wiener AC 2; Amsicora 2 Cannock 2.

MILTON KEYNES: Junior divisional tournament: East 3 Midlands 3; South 3 North 1; West 6 East 2; Midlands 2 North 1; West 1 South 2; North 2 East 3; Midlands 4 West 5; East 2 South 1; North 0 West 7; South 6 Midlands 5. Final positions: 1, West 9pts; 2, South 9; 3, East 7pts; 4, Midlands 4. 5, North 0

THE HAGUE: Women's European club championship: A division: Pool A: HGC (Holl) 5 Siauliai (Lith) 0; Glasgow Western (Scot) 3 Stade Français (Fr) 1; HGC 4 Glasgow Western 2; Siauliai 1 Stade Français 2. Pool B: Hightown 4 Valdeluz (Sp) 2; Berliner 3 Donchanka (Russ) 2; Berliner 3 Hightown 0; Valdeluz 2 Donchanka 6.

CATANIA, Italy: Women's European club championship: *B division:* Pool A: Muckross (Ire) 1 Dinamo Sumy (Ukr) 3, Slavia Prague 11 ABC (Fin) 0; Muckross 0 Slavia 1; Dinamo 9 ABC 0. Pool B: AHTC Vienna 2 Lokomotiva Raca (Slovakia) 0; Rhythm Grodno (Ukr) 1 CUS Catania 2, AHTC 2 Grodno 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: Finals: Eastern Conference: Philadelphia 3 New York Rangers 1 (Philadelphia lead best-of-seven series 1-0). Western Conference: Detroit 4 Colorado 2 (best-of-seven series tied 1-1)

MOTORCYCLING

MUGELLO: Italian Grand Prix: 500cc (23 laps, 120.635km): 1, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 44min 06.442sec; 2, L Cadalora (It, Yamaha) 44:16.498; 3, N Aoki (Japan, Honda) 44:23.791; 4, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 44:25.587; 5, D Beattie (Aus, Suzuki) 44:27.531. Leading world championship positions (after four races): 1, Doohan 95pts; 2, Criville 78; 3, N Aoki 54; 4, Cadalora 43; 5, T Okada (Japan, Honda) 38. 250cc (21 laps, 110.145km): 1, M Biaggi (It, Honda) 40min 47.548sec; 2, M Lucchi (It, Aprilia) 40:47.598; 3, L Capirossi (It, Aprilia) 40:47.616; 4, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 40:51.722; 5, O Jacque (Fr, Honda) 41:08.733. Leading world championship positions (after four races): 1, Biaggi 75pts; 2, Waldmann 62; 3, T Harada (Japan, Aprilia) 56; 4, Jacque 36; 5, Aoki 32. 125cc (20 laps, 104.9km): 1, V Rossi (It, Aprilia) 40min 40.093sec (average speed 154.764 kph); 2, J Martinez (Sp, Aprilia) 40:43.404; 3, G McCoy (Aus, Aprilia) 40:43.406; 4, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 40:43.473; 5, T Manako (Japan, Honda) 40:43.487. Leading world championship positions (after four races): 1, Rossi 75pts; 2, Ueda 74; 3, Sakata 59; 4, Martinez 57; 5, Tokudome 36.

MOTOR RACING

BRANDS HATCH: Auto Trader RAC touring car championship: Seventh round (38 laps, 45.6 miles): 1, A Menu (Switz, Renault Laguna) 29min 07.075sec; 2, J Thompson (GB, Honda Accord) at 4.780sec; 3, J Plato (GB, Renault Laguna). Eighth round (38 laps): 1, Thompson 29:03.363 (average speed 94.44mph); 2, G Tarquini (It, Honda Accord) at 5.261sec; 3, D Leslie (GB) at 8.741. Leading drivers' championship positions: 1, Menu 107pts; 2, Tarquini 63; 3, R Rydell (Swe, Volvo) 52

CROFT, Yorkshire: British Formula Three championship: Sixth round (25 laps): 1, N Minassian (Fr, Dallara Renault) 33min 50.671sec; 2, J Kane (GB, Dallara Mugen Honda) at 0.707sec; 3, P Dumbreck (GB, Dallara Mugen Honda) at 1.189sec. Leading drivers' positions (after six rounds): 1, Kane 101pts; 2, Dumbreck 78; 3, Minassian 51.

SCHOOLS SPORT

Cricket

*Bedford 178-8dec and 211 Tonbridge 180-3dec and 208-1 (Banes 103 not out); Bromsgrove 157 * Dean Close 158-7; Cranbrook 201 * Bethany 119; Cranleigh 225-5dec * King's, Canterbury 136-7. * Epsom 177 Dulwich 156-8; * Gresham's 207-3dec Ipswich 162-5; Hampton 250-9 * RGS Guildford 221-7; * John Fisher 183-4 MCC 192-7; Judd 151-4dec * Skinner's 48; King's, Bruton 105 * Clifton 91-2; * Merchant Taylors', Northwood 247-5dec (T Coleman 101 not out) Haberdashers' Aske's 124-4; Milton Abbey 147-8dec * Clayesmore 93-4; Oakham 171-9dec * Kimbolton 165-6; * Perse 176-4dec King's, Ely 119; Reigate GS 177 * Christ's Hospital 179-7; * St Dunstan's 240-8dec (T Vigus 106) Eltham 241-4 (S Whitehead 105 not out); St John's, Leatherhead 163 * Hurstpierpoint 164-9; Shrewsbury 114 * Trent 117-3; Tiffin 232-7dec * Kingston GS 210-7. Trinity 161 * St George's, Weybridge 162-9; * UCS 100 Mill Hill 76 (S Nair 5-21); West Buckland 148 * Exeter 152-7. * Whitgift 186 KCS Wimbledon 139-5. * Woodhouse Grove 171-5dec Hymers 87; RGS Guildford 172 * City of London Freemen's 83; MCC 140 * Trent 142-3. ** denotes home team*

SNOOKER

IRTHLINGBOROUGH: Dr Martens European League: Semi-finals: *R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 6-2;* S Hendry (Scot) bt K Doherty (Ire) 6-3. Final: O'Sullivan leads Hendry 5-4

SPEEDWAY

PRAGUE: Czech Republic Grand Prix: 1, G Hancock (Coventry and US) 25pts; 2, B Hamill (Belle Vue and US) 20, 3, T Gollob (Pol) 18; 4, S Drabik (Pol) 18; 5, H Gustafsson (Swe) 16; 6, J Nilsen (Swindon and Swe) 14, 7, C Louis (Ipswich and Eng) 12; 8, T Rickardsson (Swe) 11, 9, B Andersen (Coventry and Den) 9. 10, H Nielsen (Den) 8.

ELITE LEAGUE: Peterborough 44 King's Lynn 46; *Eastbourne 59 Poole 31.*

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Edinburgh 50 Glasgow 40; Arena Essex 33 Reading 27 (abandoned after ten heats due to heavy rain); Stoke 46 Edinburgh 44; Glasgow 43 Newcastle 46. Postponed: Newcastle v Glasgow.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Newport 39 Berwick 50

AMATEUR LEAGUE: *Peterborough 40 Oxford 35;* Berwick 50 Lathallan 28; Berwick 50 Wolverhampton and Long Eaton 25, Swindon and Reading 41 Belle Vue Colts 32

TENNIS

ROME: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Rios (Chile) bt J Courier (US) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; A Berasategui (Sp) bt M K Goellner (Ger) 7-5, 7-5. Semi-finals: A Corretja (Sp) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 7-6, 7-6. Rios bt Berasategui 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. Final: Corretja bt Rios 7-5, 7-5, 6-3

KOSICE, Slovakia: Men's tournament: Final: D Hrbaty (Slovakia) bt N Lapentti (Ecu) 6-4, 6-4

CARDIFF: LTA spring satellite tournament: Final: R Lavergne (Fr) bt J Chauvin (Fr) 6-3, 6-1.

BERLIN: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: M J Fernandez (US) bt J Novotna (Cz) 6-3, 6-1; M Pierce (Fr) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-4, 6-4. Final: Fernandez bt Pierce 6-4, 6-2.

CARDIFF: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) bt R Grande (It) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) bt S Pitkowski (Fr) 6-3, 6-4. Final: Ruano-Pascual bt Dechaume-Balleret 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

BRADFORD: LTA ratings championship: Finals: Men: S Jackson bt M Parkes 6-0, 6-2. Women: C Sewell bt H Chapman 6-1, 6-1.

NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE: Premier division: Men: A: St George's Hill 0 Edgbaston Priory 6; Banbury West End 3 David Lloyd Raynes Park 3 (Raynes Park win 7-6 on sets); David Lloyd Heston 2 Mackintosh 4. David Lloyd Raynes Park 6 David Lloyd Heston 0; St George's Hill 5 Mackintosh 1. Women: A: Gosling 3 Holcombe Brook 3 (Holcombe Brook win 7-6 on sets); Clearview 1 Newmarket 5. Edgbaston Priory 6 Bramhall Park 0; Newmarket 2 Edgbaston Priory 4.

CLUB CRICKET

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE: Aston Unity 166-9 Stourbridge 91-2, West Bromwich Dartmouth 156 Stratford 157-8; Smethwick 225-6 Wolverhampton 152-8

FORT STERLING BOLTON LEAGUE: *Walkden 144-9dec Bradshaw 148-6, Astley* Bridge 151-9dec Eagley 153-7. Westhoughton 146 Farnworth SC 81. Greenmount 200-7dec Tonge 127, Heaton 199-9dec Egerton 198-7. Horwich 142 Farnworth 144-3 Little Lever 95 Kearsley 97-0.

BOWERS GROUP BRADFORD LEAGUE: Bradford and Bingley 126-9 Pudsey St Lawrence 130-1; Brighouse 188-7 Saltaire 157-8, *East Bierley 221-4 Drighlington 116.* Hanging Heaton 117-8 Farsley 115; Undercliffe 210-7 Pudsey Congs 72-7. Spen Victoria 191-6 Baildon 192-6, Idle 149-8 Windhill 154-3

MURRAY SMITH & CO CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Bowdon 208-3dec Alsager 113. Didsbury 164 Grappenhall 96-9. Heaton Mersey 134 Warrington 90, Macclesfield 173-6dec Upton 167; Poynton 188-4dec Toft 97-9. Widnes 105 Nantwich 106-3

DEVON LEAGUE: Paignton 206-9 Bovey Tracy 205-6, Budleigh Salterton 155 Seaton 80-9; Exeter 102 Torquay 103-6; Exmouth 272-6 Hatherleigh 10-0; North Devon 244-4 Sandford 149-8; Tiverton Heathcoat 117-9 Barton 116

VAUX DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: Boldon 104-9 v Felling. Eppleton 50-2 v Burnmoor. Durham CA 51-1 v Chester-le-Street; Seaham Harbour 155-6 v South Shields; Sunderland 70-4 v Philadelphia; Gateshead Fell 203-2 v Whitburn

COLOUR ASSEMBLY ESSEX LEAGUE: *Hainault and Clayhall 171 Chelmsford* 172-8; Chingford 182 Leigh-on-Sea 182-8; Hutton 123 Colchester and E Essex 124-2; Saffron Walden 157-9 Gidea Park and Romford 120-8. Woodford Wells 202-4 Horndon-on-the-Hill 203-6; Shenfield 233-8 Ilford 219-6; Loughton 153 Fives and Heronians 134-8; Wanstead 170-7 Orsett and Thurrock 125; Westcliff-on-Sea 201-7 *Stanford-le-Hope 191-9,* Hadleigh and Thundersley 148

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Stevenage 183 Letchworth 109-9; Langleybury 155 Potters Bar 158-9; St Albans 131 Luton Town 112-9; Hoddesdon 183 Hemel Hempstead 159; North Mymms 191-9 Sawbridgeworth 89; Hitchin 194 Knebworth Park 171-8; Barnet 71 Radlett 72-1. West Herts *194-9 Cheshunt 166-9;* Welwyn Garden City 194-8 Bishop's Stortford 159-5

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Thongsbridge 185-5 Slaithwaite 240-6, Shepley 133-9 Skelmanthorpe 48-6; Scholes 190-8 Holmfirth 193-7; Kirkburton 103-6 Meltham 105-2; Marsden 137-7 Elland 140-3; Broad Oak 227-4 Linthwaite 107-8, Lascelles Hall 195-7 Honley 135-9

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Bickley Park 239 Beckenham 128-8. St Lawrence 170-9 Bexley 125-8; Blackheath 262-4 Ashford 183-8, Bromley 180-8 Midland Bank 101; Gore Court 61 Dartford 62-8; Dover 105 Sevenoaks Vine 109-6, Folkestone 248-4 Hayes 171-9; RACS 220-6 Holmesdale 190-8; Tunbridge Wells 237-4 Chestfield 148

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Longsight 154-9 Denton St Law 94. Woodhouses 89 Denton West 90-0. Thornham 200-9 Dukinfield 145; Prestwich 159-8 Glossop 161-8; Denton 128 Irlam 105-9; Cheetham Hill 132 Sale Moor 68; Roe Green 94 Woodbank 68

BURTONWOOD BREWERY MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Stretford 85 Brooksbottom 91-2, Deane and Derby 120 Bury 109; Winton 108 Earlestown 54; Flixton 124 Lytham 128-5, Newton Heath 72 Ashton-on-Mersey 73-0; Monton 202-7 South West Manchester 106, Weaste 171-9 Wythenshawe 174-4; Whalley Range 120-9 Stockport Georgians 121-2.

HAMPTON TRUST MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Brentham 212-9dec Ealing 99-7; Hampstead 117 Enfield 121-2; Finchley 35 Wembley 36-2; Stanmore 199 Hornsey 103. North Middlesex 154 Brondesbury 155-8; Shepherds Bush 87 Richmond 88-5; Southgate 157-8dec Eastcote 158-2; Uxbridge 169 South Hampstead 79-9; Winchmore Hill 91 Teddington 92-7.

MIDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bedworth 151 Blossomfield 152-1, Old Edwardians 153-8 Hampton 84-8; Lichfield 100 Walmley 103-2; Kenilworth Wardens 192-8 Nuneaton 46-3; Droitwich 169-7 Redditch 134-7.

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Cleator 201-9 Carlisle 198-6; Vickerstown 175-6 Dalton 71; Lindal 152-8 Furness 153-4; Haverigg 223-2 Workington 127-6; Carnforth 121-5 Penrith 122-3; Millom 156-9 Ulverston 83; Vickers Sports 51 Askam 52-1; Barrow 147 Whitehaven 111

NORTH STAFFS & SOUTH CHESHIRE LEAGUE: Bignall End 93 Ashcombe Park 85-1; *Little Stoke 147 Cheadle 60;* Elworth 167-8 Crewe 167-9; Knypersley 124 Stafford 86; Longton 128 Audley 129-9; Moddershall 194-6 Leek 96-9; Newcastle and H 111 Stone 112-2.

THE WATKIN JONES NORTH WALES LEAGUE: Bangor 91 Halkyn 93-1; Gresford 98 Bethesda 99-0; Brymbo 124-9 Connah's Quay 95; Llandudno 61 Llay 65-1, Ruthin 117 Mochdre 118-8, Pontblyddyn 148-7 Hawarden Park 91.

PRIORY NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE: Alnwick 80 Ashington 84-1; Tynemouth 111-5 v Benwell Hill; Morpeth 164-5 v Blyth; County Club 96-2 v Percy Main; South North 138-4 Benwell 137-4, Tynedale 189-5 Backworth 113-4.

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Burnley Belvedere 109-8 BGSOB 110-3; Clitheroe 197-7 Old Rossendalians 129-1; Great Harwood 111 Ribblesdale W 76; Cherry Tree 112 Rolls Royce 110; Salesbury 138-9 Earby 139-5; Padiham 129-8 Stacksteads 132-7

PARKER INTERNATIONAL LTD SADDLEWORTH & DISTRICT LEAGUE: F Field 134 Austerlands 70; B Fieldhouse 192 Delph and Dobcross 181; Droylsden 125-9 Friarmere 127-7; Heyside 195 East Levenshulme 118; Uppermill 116 Micklehurst 117-8; Shaw 170-9 Hollinwood 88; Stayley 108 Greenfield 110-2.

FURROWS SHROPSHIRE LEAGUE: Bridgnorth 192-7 St George's 144-8; WEM 108-9 Shifnal 112-7; Newport 124 Wellington 127-6; Shrewsbury 163-9 Whitchurch 118

WELSH BREWERS SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION: Briton Ferry Steel 207-5 Llangennech 150-9; Ynysygerwn 148-8 Dafen 126-7; Swansea 161 Pontarddulais 93-8; Ynystawe 167-6 Ammanford 88-7; Neath 141-8 Gowerton 143-8.

PETER COOPER VOLKSWAGEN SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bashley (Rydal) 211-9 BAT Sports 169; South Wilts 245-7 Burridge 177-9; Hambledon 168-8 Calmore Sports 169-2; Havant 201-9 Hungerford 119; Liphook and Ripsley 251-7 Lymington 141-7; Old Tauntonians 129-8 Portsmouth 127-8; US Portsmouth 156 Bournemouth 157-3; Waterlooville 208-8 Romsey 201; New Milton 113 Winchester KS 114-9.

EVE SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: Old Emanuel 173 Bank of England 104-9; Banstead 251-5dec Malden Wanderers 184-8; Esher 151 Cheam 152-5; Farnham 211 Guildford 160-5; Honor Oak 171-9dec Weybridge 151-8; Ashford 134 Limpsfield 131; Reigate Priory 200-7dec Metropolitan Police 148-5; Sunbury 226-7dec Mitcham 217-7; Beddington 137 Sutton 119-9; Walton-on-Thames 154 Spencer 147-9; Maori 137 Wimbledon 141-5.

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Basingstoke 204-4 Chesham 170-7; Finchampstead 273-6 Woking 167; High Wycombe 223-5 Hayes 129-9; Ickenham 227-8 Boyne Hill 219-9; Kidmore End 158-8 Maidenhead and B 98; Reading 211-8 Slough 160-5; Tring Park 215-4 Amersham 140; Beaconsfield 190-9 Hounslow 75.

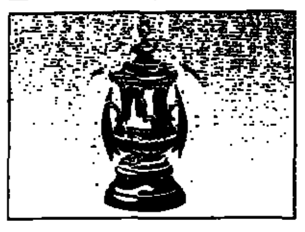
VAUX TYNESIDE SENIOR LEAGUE: Seaton Burn 78 Whickham 89-2; Ryton 69-3 v Swalwell; Blaydon 89-0 v Burnopfield; Sacriston 44-2 v Consett; Greenside 75-1 v Lintz.

APS TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: *Braintree 183-7 Maldon 69; Bury St* Edmunds 221-7 Wivenhoe 188; Clacton 179-8 Frinton 89; Halstead 190-9 Achilles 63; Mistley 178-8 Mildenhall 182-8; Witham 205-8 Sudbury 167.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Doncaster 179-9 Scarborough 172-4; Barnsley 214-8 Driffield 181-8; York 162-9 Sheff Coll 165-7; Castleford 203-5 Hull 49-7; Cleethorpes 266-8 Appleby Frodingham 125-6.

☐ *All other matches postponed*

FOOTBALL



FA Cup
Final

CHELSEA (1) 2 **MIDDLESBRO** (0) 0
Di Matteo 1 79,160
Newton 83

Chelsea: F Grodas, D Petrescu, F Leboeuf, S Clarke, M Hughes, D Wise, R Di Matteo, S Minto, F Sinclair, E Newton, G Zola (sub: G Vialli, 88min)

Booked: Newton, Di Matteo, Leboeuf

Middlesbrough: *B Roberts,* N Pearson, Emerson, R Mustoe (sub: S Vickers, 29min), Juninho, F Ravanelli (sub: M Beck, 24min), C Fleming, C Blackmore, G Festa, P Stamp, Hignett (sub: V Kinder, 74min).

Booked: Festa. **Referee:** S Lodge

FA Umbro Trophy
Final

DAG AND RED (0) 0 **WOKING** (0) 1
24,376 Hay 99
(aet, 0-0 after 90min)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division play-off, first leg

HIBERNIAN (1) 1 **AIRDRIE** (0) 0
Cooper 13 (og) 15,308
Sent off: G Hunter (Hibernian) 42

WELSH CUP: Final: Barry Town 2 Cwmbran 1 (at Ninian Park)

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: Millwall 5 Tranmere 0

DAVID BUSST BENEFIT MATCH: *Coventry City XI 2 Manchester United 2.*

WORLD CUP: European qualifying zone: Group four: Estonia 1 Latvia 3 (in Tallinn)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	7	4	2	1	8	2	14
Austria	5	3	1	1	5	3	10
Sweden	5	3	0	2	9	5	9
Latvia	6	2	1	3	8	8	7
Belarus	5	1	1	3	3	9	4
Estonia	6	1	1	4	2	8	4

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP. Qualifying group four: Estonia 0 Latvia 1 (in Tallinn)

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bologna 0 Vicenza 0. Juventus 1 Parma 1. AC Milan 2 Lazio 2. Napoli 2 Fiorentina 2; Piacenza 1 Cagliari 1; Reggiana 1 Perugia 4. AS Roma 1 *Internazionale 1, Sampdoria 4 Udinese 0.* Verona 1 Atalanta 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	32	17	12	3	48	21	63
Parma	32	16	9	7	38	25	57
Internazionale	32	14	13	5	46	31	55
Lazio	32	14	9	9	48	34	51
Sampdoria	32	13	10	9	55	42	49
Bologna	32	13	9	10	48	41	48
Udinese	32	13	9	10	46	41	48
Vicenza	32	11	11	10	41	37	44
AC Milan	32	11	10	11	43	42	43
Roma	32	10	11	11	46	42	41
Fiorentina	32	9	14	9	42	40	41
Atalanta	32	10	10	12	40	45	40
Napoli	32	8	14	10	35	42	38
Cagliari	32	8	10	14	41	51	34
Piacenza	32	6	16	10	27	40	34
Perugia	32	9	7	16	45	60	34
Verona	32	6	9	17	36	58	27
Reggiana	32	2	13	17	28	61	19

FRENCH LEAGUE: Nancy 1 AS Monaco 3. Marseilles 1 Paris Saint-Germain 0. Nantes 3 Montpellier 0; Bordeaux 2 Lyon 2, Nice 3 Metz 0; Bastia 2 Auxerre 1, Strasbourg 1 Lens 0; Rennes 1 Guingamp 1; Lille 2 Le Havre 2; Caen 3 Cannes 0.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Anderlecht 6 Sporting Charleroi 0; Racing Harelbeke 2 Standard Liège 3; Excelsior Mouscron 4 KV Mechelen 0; SK Lommel 2 Eendracht Aalst 2, FC *Antwerp 2 FC Bruges 1; Sint Truiden 0* Lokeren 1, SK Lierse 5 Racing Genk 2; AA Gent 2 RWD Molenbeek 0, Cercle Bruges 2 Germinal Ekeren 3

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Betis 3 Seville 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	37	24	11	2	76	30	83
Barcelona	37	24	6	7	92	44	78
Deportivo	37	20	13	4	56	26	73
Real Betis	38	20	13	5	78	41	73
Atlético Madrid	37	19	9	9	70	54	66
Valladolid	37	16	10	11	54	42	58
Real Sociedad	37	15	8	14	42	41	53
Athletic Bilbao	37	12	16	9	64	53	52
Tenerife	37	14	9	14	61	48	51
Valencia	37	13	10	14	55	51	49
Santander	37	11	14	12	45	43	47
Compostela	37	11	12	14	41	57	45
Celta	37	10	13	14	45	47	43
Zaragoza	37	10	13	14	47	56	43
Español	37	11	9	17	40	48	42
Oviedo	37	11	9	17	44	60	42
Extremadura	37	10	10	17	31	55	40
Rayo Vallecano	37	11	6	20	38	54	39
Sporting Gijón	37	10	9	18	39	63	39
Hércules	37	10	5	22	35	69	35
Sevilla	38	9	7	22	41	66	34
Logroñes	37	9	4	24	29	75	31

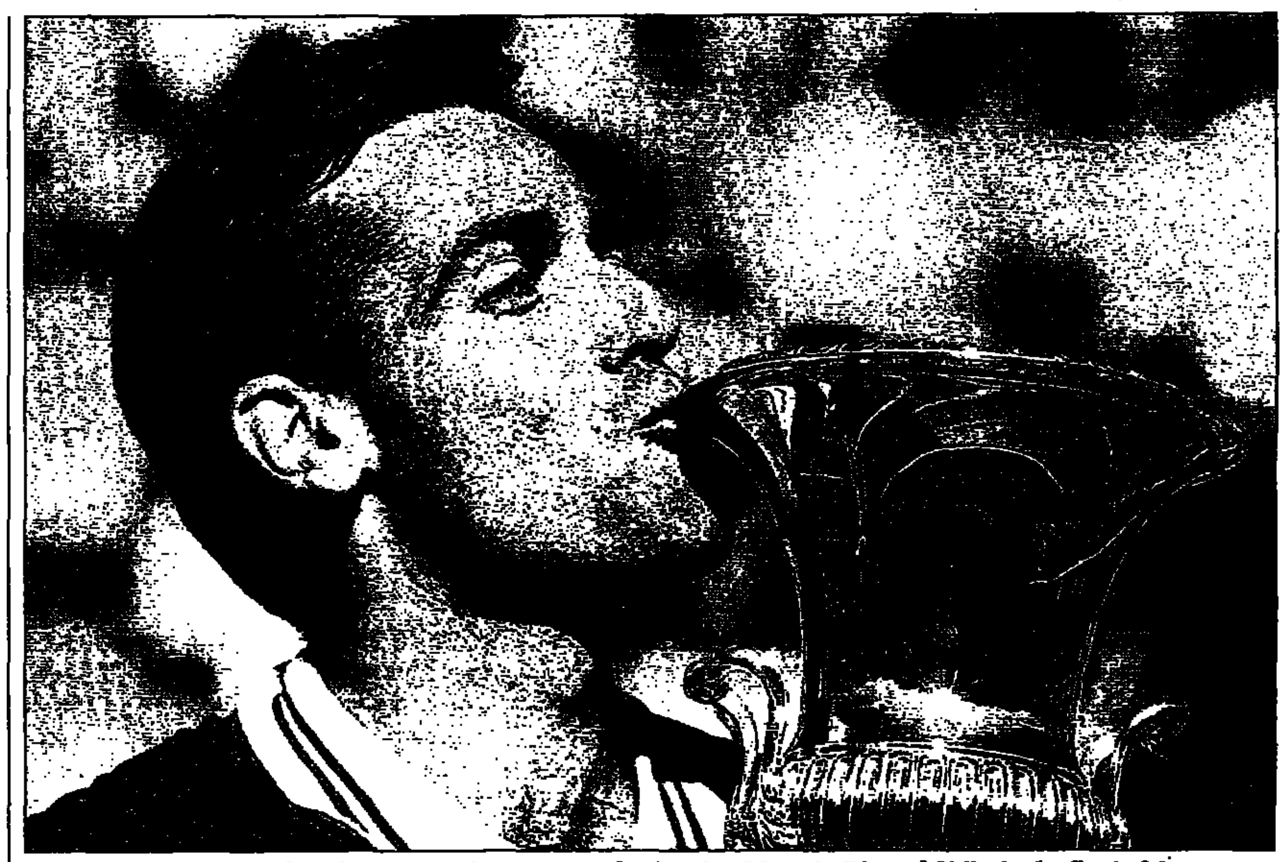
GERMAN LEAGUE: Hansa Rostock 0 Bayern Munich 3; Fortuna Düsseldorf 0 SC Karlsruhe 3, Borussia Mönchengladbach 6 VfL Bochum 2, Bayer Leverkusen 3 St Pauli 0, Borussia Dortmund 2 Werder Bremen 1, Munich 1860 2 Schalke 04 1; VfB Stuttgart 0 MSV Duisburg 2; SV Hamburg 0 Cologne 4, SC Freiburg 2 Arminia Bielefeld 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	32	19	10	3	62	30	67
B Leverkusen	32	20	6	6	67	37	66
B Dortmund	32	18	6	8	60	38	60
VfB Stuttgart	32	17	7	8	72	34	58
VfL Bochum	32	13	11	8	48	49	50
Munich 1860	32	13	10	9	56	50	49
Karlsruhe	32	12	9	11	51	43	45
B M'gladbach	32	12	6	14	42	42	42
W Bremen	32	12	6	14	49	52	42
Cologne	32	12	5	15	57	60	41
Bielefeld	32	12	7	13	43	47	40
Schalke 04	32	10	10	12	34	38	40
MSV Duisburg	32	10	9	13	38	47	39
Hansa Rostock	32	10	7	15	32	44	37
Hamburg SV	32	9	10	13	43	58	37
F Düsseldorf	32	9	5	18	25	55	32
St Pauli	32	7	6	19	32	61	27
SC Freiburg	32	7	4	21	40	66	25

DUTCH LEAGUE: NEC Nijmegen 2 Roda JC Kerkrade 1. Ajax 3 FC Twente Enschede 2. PSV Eindhoven 6 FC Utrecht 1. Willem II Tilburg 2 Doetinchem 0; Breda 0 RKC Waalwijk 2; Heerenveen 1 FC Volendam 2, Vitesse Arnhem 2 Fortuna Sittard 1; Alkmaar 1 FC Groningen 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eindhoven	32	23	5	4	86	22	74
Feyenoord	31	20	7	4	56	29	67
Twente En	32	18	5	9	54	32	59
Ajax	32	16	10	6	50	29	58
Vitesse	32	15	9	8	52	36	54
Roda JC	32	15	7	10	51	41	52
Heerenveen	32	13	11	8	55	40	50
De Graafschap	32	12	6	14	46	51	42
Breda	32	10	9	13	40	49	39
Groningen	32	8	12	12	39	53	36
Sparta	31	10	5	16	36	46	35
Utrecht	32	7	14	11	38	46	35
Fortuna Sitt	32	8	11	13	33	50	35
Willem II	32	9	7	16	33	48	34
Volendam	32	8	10	14	31	53	34
Nijmegen	32	6	10	16	32	59	28
Waalwijk	32	7	7	18	31	60	28
Alkmaar	32	8	7	19	26	45	25

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Salgueiros Porto 0 Sporting 3. Desportivo Chaves 2 Boavista Porto 1; Vitoria Guimaraes 0 FC Porto 4



Alex Corretja, of Spain, savours the moment after beating Marcelo Rios, of Chile, in the final of the Italian Open tennis tournament yesterday. Corretja won in straight sets. Photograph: Paul Hanna

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: First stage (16 laps at Venice, 128km): 1, M Cipollini (It, Saeco) 2hr 38min 17sec; 2, N Minali (It, Batik); 3, E Leoni (It, AKI) 4, F Meloni (It, Amore and Vita); 5, M Rossato (It, Scrigno); 6, M Wust (Ger, Festina) all same time. Second stage (Mestre to Cervia, 211km): 1, Cipollini 5:08:46; 2, J Svorada (Cz, Mapei); 3, Leoni; 4, M Tomi (It, Ros Mary); 5, G Balducci (It, *Ceramiche Refin*); 6, M Apollonio (It, Scrigno) all same time. Leading overall positions: 1, Cipollini 7:47:39; 2, Leoni at 16sec; 3, Svorada 16; 4, Minali 16; 5, G Magnusson (Swe, Amore and Vita) 20; 6, Balducci 24.

TOUR OF ASTURIA: Fifth stage (Gijón to Col de L'Acebo, 200km): 1, M F Gines (Sp) 5hr 28min 23sec; 2, J M Jiménez (Sp) at 1min 32sec; 3, D Clavero (Sp). 4, A Olano (Sp); 5, F Escartin (Sp) all same time; 6, L Perez (Sp) 1:38. Final stage (Cangas de Narcea to Oviedo, 162km): 1, J Blijlevens (Holl) 3:57:08; 2, A Petacchi (It); 3, I Flores (Sp); 4, D Millar (GB); 5, B Julich (US); 6, L Gelfi (It) all same time. Final overall positions: 1, Gines 21:56:17; 2, Olano at 13sec; 3, Escartin 19; 4, Clavero 38; 5, Jiménez 42; 6, Perez 59

ROAD RACES: Worcester St John's CC (Welland, near Malvern, 55 miles): 1, P Mason (Climb on Bikes) 2hr 12min 30sec; 2, M Griffiths (Coventry Olympic); 3, D Atkins (Coventry RC) all same time. Somer Valley CC (Chew Valley, 72 miles): S Higgins (CC Giro) 3:14:30; 2, G Sandy (JPM Racing) at 30sec; 3, J Hunt (Banesto) same time. *BCF West Thames Division* (Hillingdon, 50 miles): A Gibb (Condor Cycles RT) 2:09:00; 2, S Copa (Arctic 2000); 3, S Gamble (Controlware RT) all same time. Scottish CU Development Series (third round, Aberdeen, 85 miles): 1, R Stewart (Deeside Thistle) 2:41:29; 2, A Pirie (Moray Firth RT) at 1:01; 3, J Murdoch (Wallacehill CC) same time.

TIME TRIALS: RTTC circuit series (second round, Middleton, Northamptonshire, 27.3 miles): 1, S Dangerfield (CC Wheelbase) 1hr 1min 28sec; 2, A Wilkinson (Adidas-SciCon) 1:01:40; 3, B Steel (Manchester Phoenix) 1:01:47. Women (18.2 miles): Y McGregor (Adidas-SciCon) 43:17. Juniors (18.2 miles): J Scott (Team Chiltern) 43:17. Other races: Winners: Redmon CC (Dorking, 74.5 miles): S Yates (Team Clean) 2:52:27 (course and event record). Ferryhill Wheelers (Crathorne, North Yorkshire, 50 miles): S Fullerton (Richmond and Darlington CC) 1:49:12. Ross-shire RCC (Black Isle, 40 miles): A Wright (Sandy Wallace Cycles) 1:34.45. *Mid Shropshire Wheelers* (Prees, 50 miles): D Birch (Stourbridge CC) 1:56:42. Tyneside Vagabonds (Belsay, Northumberland, 44 miles): R Thompson (GS Metro) 1:59:12. Speedwell BC (Alcester, Warwickshire, 30 miles): D Willetts (Birchfield CC) 1:06:37. Westbury Wheelers (Warminster, 26.5 miles): C Brooks (VC Camelot) 59:46 (course record). *High Wycombe CC* (Marlow, 25 miles): S Howes (Giant RT) 50:19 (course record). Scala Wheelers (Blyth, North Nottinghamshire, 25 miles): J Rickards (GS Metro) 50:28. Norwich ABC (Dereham, 25 miles): G Dighton (Leo RC) 52:17 (course record). Rhos-on-Sea CC (St Asaph, Clwyd, 25 miles): A Wilkinson (Adidas-SciCon) 53:02 (course and event record). Glossop Velo RC (Chelford, Cheshire, 25 miles): D Willetts (Birchfield CC) 53:06. Dundee Wheelers (Dundee-Perth, 25 miles): G Hutchinson (Dunfermline and District CC) 53:22. Welsh CA championship (Raglan, Gwent, 25 miles): A Owen (CC Abergavenny) 53:40. Luton Wheelers (Tempsford, Bedfordshire, 25 miles): S China (API Resprays) 53:46. Kent Valley RC (Levens, Cumbria, 25 miles): P Brear (VC Cumbria) 54:36 (course record). Clachnacuddin CC (Scottish CU time-trial series, third round, Loch Ness, 25 miles): S Duff (Johnstone Wheelers) 56:31. Congleton CC (Chelford, Cheshire, 25 miles): M Bowers (Stone Wheelers) 56:48. Axholme Wheelers (Gainsborough, 19 miles): G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 39:48 (course and event record). North Bucks RC (Milton Keynes, 15 miles): T Bright (Chelmer CC) 31:15. Barnet CC (Little Paxton, Cambridgeshire, 10 miles): G Dighton (Leo RC) 19:44. Axholme Wheelers (Gainsborough, 19 miles): G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 19:51 (event record). Bolton Clarion (Brock, Lancashire, 10 miles): J Evans (Barrow Central Wheelers) 20:57. CC Bexley (Ashford, Kent, 10 miles): B Taylor (Bournemouth Arrow CC) 21.27.

HILL CLIMB: Kent Valley RC (Shap, Cumbria, 9.1 miles): 1, T Horton (Halifax RC) 29min 27sec; 2, P Smith (Border City Wheelers) 29:48; 3, P Brear (VC Cumbria) 30:29.

MOUNTAIN BIKES: BMB National Points Series (third round, Fort William, 27.5 miles). 1, N Craig (Diamond Back) 2hr 44min 56sec; 2, D Baker (Team GT) at 42sec; 3, B Clarke (Raleigh) at 1:14. Women (22 miles): 1, L Robinson (Raleigh) 2:49:19; 2, J Whiting (Univega) at 5:22; 3, T Brunger (ProFlex) at 7:27.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: *Friday:* Toronto 5 Cleveland 2; Detroit 10 Kansas City 2; Minnesota 11 Boston 5; Texas 6 New York Yankees 0; Anaheim 5 Milwaukee 1; Baltimore 8 Seattle 3; Chicago White Sox 6 Oakland 2. *Saturday:* Cleveland 8 Toronto 1; Chicago White Sox 7 Oakland 6; Detroit 9 Kansas City 2; Boston 4 Minnesota 0; New York Yankees 11 Texas 5; Anaheim 6 Milwaukee 5; Baltimore 4 Seattle 3.

	W	L	Pct	GB
East division				
Baltimore	27	13	.675	—
NY Yankees	25	17	.595	3
Toronto	21	18	.538	5½
Detroit	18	23	.439	9½
Boston	16	23	.410	10½
Central division				
Kansas City	20	19	.513	—
Milwaukee	19	19	.500	½
Cleveland	19	20	.487	1
Chicago WS	17	22	.436	3
Minnesota	16	26	.381	5½
West division				
Texas	22	17	.564	—
Seattle	23	18	.561	—
Anaheim	20	19	.513	2
Oakland	17	26	.395	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE: *Friday:* Chicago Cubs 16 San Diego 7; Houston 12 Washington; Philadelphia 7 Florida 3; Pittsburgh 1 Cincinnati 4; Los Angeles 2 Montreal 14; San Francisco 13 Atlanta 1; St Louis 0 (13inns): Colorado 2 New York Mets 1. *Saturday: San Diego 8 Cincinnati 2;* New York Mets 3 Colorado 1; Philadelphia 4 Houston 2; Florida 11 Pittsburgh 1; Atlanta 11 St Louis 6; Los Angeles 8 Montreal 3; San Francisco 4 Chicago Cubs 1

	W	L	Pct	GB
East division				
Atlanta	28	13	683	—
Florida	25	16	610	3
Montreal	22	17	564	5
New York Mets	21	20	.512	7
Philadelphia	15	25	375	12½
Central division				
Houston	22	20	524	—
Pittsburgh	21	20	512	½
St Louis	17	23	.425	4
Chicago Cubs	13	27	325	8
Cincinnati	12	28	.300	9
West division				
San Francisco	24	15	.615	—
Los Angeles	23	16	.590	1
Colorado	23	17	575	1½
San Diego	15	24	385	9

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Saturday

Paris 16 **Sheffield** 32

Paris Saint-Germain: Tries: Priddle 3, Bergman. **Sheffield Eagles:** Tries: Garcia 2, Carr, McAllister, Pinkney. **Goals:** Aston 6. Att: 6,788
(at Charléty Stadium, Paris)

Yesterday

Castleford 12 **Salford** 10

Castleford Tigers: Tries: Roach 2. **Goals:** Orr 2. **Salford Reds:** *Tries:* Blakeley, Rogers. **Goal:** Blakeley. **Att:** 3,265

Halifax 18 **Wigan** 46

Halifax Blue Sox: Tries: Pearson 2, Moana. **Goals:** Pearson 3. **Wigan Warriors:** Tries: Connolly 2, Hall, Radlinski, Robinson, Smith, Tallec, Wright. **Goals:** Farrell 7. **Att:** 7,382

Oldham 26 **Leeds** 43

Oldham Bears: Tries: Goodwin 2, Atcheson, Crompton, Jones. **Goals:** Goodwin 3. **Leeds Rhinos.** Tries: Farrell 2, Harris 2, Hassan 2, Sterling. **Goals:** Harris 4, Holroyd 3. **Dropped goal:** Holroyd. **Att:** 4,565

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: St Helens 22 London Broncos 22

LEADING TRYSCORERS: 16: N Vagana (Warrington). 15: A Hunte (St Helens). 12: A Sullivan (St Helens), K Hammond (St Helens), P Sterling (Leeds).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	9	9	0	0	317	154	18
Leeds	11	8	0	3	283	220	16
St Helens	10	7	1	2	299	169	15
Halifax	11	6	1	4	273	263	13
London	10	5	2	3	280	209	12
Wigan	10	6	0	4	243	179	12
Salford	10	6	0	4	179	200	12
Warrington	9	4	0	5	226	314	8
Sheffield	10	3	0	7	196	241	6
Oldham	10	2	0	8	208	306	4
Paris	11	2	0	9	179	287	4
Castleford	11	1	0	10	135	276	2

(not including last night's match: Warrington Wolves v Bradford Bulls)

First division

Hull KR 38 **Dewsbury** 28

Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: D'Arcy 2, Adams, Chamberlain, Hardy, M Fletcher, Rouse. **Goals:** M Fletcher 5. **Dewsbury Rams:** Tries: Williamson 2, Jowitt, Patterson, S Williams. **Goals:** Eaton 4. **Att:** 2,164

Keighley 18 **Huddersfield** 12

Keighley Cougars: Tries: Fleary, Irving, Pastre-Courtine. **Goals:** Irving 3. **Huddersfield Giants:** Tries: King 2, Joe Berry. **Att:** 3,800

Swinton 29 **Featherstone** 28

Swinton Lions: Tries: Ashcroft, Longo, McCabe, Riley, Welsby. **Goals:** Craig 4. **Dropped goal:** Longo. **Featherstone Rovers:** Tries: Kimmell 2, Baker, Chapman, Powell, Price. **Goals:** Fox 2. **Att:** 1,279

Whitehaven 30 **Wakefield** 10

Whitehaven Warriors: Tries: Lewthwaite 3, Kiddie, L Smith. **Goals:** Hetherington 5. **Wakefield Trinity:** Tries: Davis, Kenworthy. **Goal:** Davis. **Att:** 1,229.

Widnes 6 **Hull** 44

Widnes Vikings: Try: White. **Goal:** Long. **Hull:** Tries: Vaikona 3, Hewitt 2, Craven, Jackson. **Goals:** Hewitt 8. **Att:** 2,200.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	11	10	1	0	335	107	21
Huddersfield	11	9	0	2	332	164	18
Keighley	11	6	1	4	274	215	13
Whitehaven	11	6	1	4	223	221	13
Wakefield	11	6	1	4	219	240	13
Dewsbury	11	5	0	6	213	261	10
Hull KR	11	4	1	6	236	235	9
Swinton	11	4	0	7	183	276	8
Featherstone	11	3	1	7	237	244	7
Workington	10	2	0	8	186	259	4
Widnes	11	2	0	9	132	354	4

Second division

Barrow 12 ***Leigh*** 4

Barrow Braves: Try: Atkinson. **Goals:** Marwood 4. **Leigh Centurions:** Try: McGughan. **Att:** 711

Batley 21 **Carlisle** 20

Batley Bulldogs: Tries: Appleby, Walton. **Goals:** Price 6. **Dropped goal:** Kuik. **Carlisle Border Raiders:** Tries: D Armstrong, Manihera, Menzies, Stevens. **Goals:** Richardson 2. **Att:** 486.

Doncaster 8 **Rochdale** 22

Doncaster Dragons: Tries: Goulbourne, Robinson. **Rochdale Hornets:** Tries: Flanagan, Gartland, Picchi, Stevens. **Goals:** Gartland 3. **Att:** 510

York 56 **Bramley** 10

York Wasps: Tries: Ball 2, Fitzgerald 2, C *Brown,* Cain, Hopcutt, Limb, Smith, Walsh. **Goals:** Fitzgerald 8. **Bramley:** Tries: Allen, Grant. **Goal:** Pickles. **Att:** 477.

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Lancashire Lynx 29 Hunslet Hawks 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale	11	10	0	1	341	170	20
Carlisle	11	8	0	3	276	141	16
Lancashire L	11	8	0	3	305	212	16
Hunslet	11	7	0	4	318	173	14
Batley	11	7	0	4	335	225	14
Leigh	11	7	0	4	280	226	14
Bramley	12	4	1	7	237	278	9
York	11	4	0	7	295	266	8
Barrow	10	4	0	6	198	321	8
Prescot	11	1	0	10	114	410	2
Doncaster	12	0	1	11	145	420	1

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Saddleworth 32 Wigan St Patrick's 18. Second division: Ovenden 35 Skirlaugh 28.

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Salford 21 Castleford 10, Featherstone 26 Hull KR 18.

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL): South Sydney 16 *Manly 30; North Sydney 19 Sydney* City Roosters 18, Western Suburbs 32 South Queensland 12; Balmain Tigers 18 Newcastle Knights 26; Gold Coast Chargers 11 Illawarra Steelers 10

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship

Third division

Harrogate 44 **Liverpool St H** 14

Harrogate: Tries: Fourie, Marcroft, Pride, Taylor. **Cons:** Zoing 3. **Pens:** Zoing 6. **Liverpool St Helens.** Tries: Faulkner, Sephton. **Cons:** Brett 2.

Morley 78 **Walsall** 19

Morley: Tries: Holdsworth 2, Navalura 2, Tifton 2, Wade 2, A Sales, Barker, Graham, Pierre. **Cons:** Grayshon 9. **Walsall:** Tries: M Walker, Moon, Rose. **Cons:** Banks, Mills

Reading 3 **Exeter** 13

Reading: Dropped goal: Ballard. **Exeter:** Try: Doyle. **Con:** Green. **Pens:** Fabian 2.

Rosslyn Park 28 **Wharfedale** 21

Rosslyn Park: Tries: Dalwood, Henderson, Maslen. **Cons:** Sandilands 2. **Pens:** Sandilands 3. **Wharfedale:** Tries. Davies, Hodgson, Verity. **Cons:** Mounsey 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Exeter	30	25	0	5	923	443	50
Fylde	30	24	1	5	813	439	49
Leeds	30	24	0	6	1209	432	48
Morley	30	22	0	8	928	572	44
Harrogate	30	18	0	12	832	599	36
Reading	30	17	1	12	869	631	35
Wharfedale	30	17	0	13	710	635	34
Rosslyn Park	30	17	0	13	630	620	34
Otley	30	13	0	17	720	766	26
Lydney	30	13	0	17	688	766	26
L Welsh	30	12	0	18	634	777	24
Liverpool St H	30	9	0	21	665	807	18
Walsall	30	8	0	22	640	980	16
Havant	30	8	0	22	580	854	16
Redruth	30	8	0	22	565	1116	16
Clifton	30	4	0	26	518	1347	8

FINAL LEADING SCORERS: **404:** S Gough (Fylde, 7 tries, 57 conversions, 82 penalty goals, 3 dropped goals) **338:** R Mills (Walsall, 1t, 42c, 81pg, 2dg) **307:** G Anscough (Leeds, 14t, 45c, 49pg) **305:** R Zoing (Harrogate, 4t, 63c, 48pg, 5dg) **300:** A Green (Exeter, 5t, 58c, 50pg, 3dg), C Raymond (London Welsh; 6t, 39c, 57pg, 7dg) **287:** P Rutledge (Otley, 8t, 56c, 45pg) **281:** J Dance (Reading, 6t, 61c, 43pg) **275:** P Morris (Lydney, 3t, 31c, 66pg) **210:** P Brett (Liverpool St Helens, 14t, 40c, 20pg). **Tries: 22:** M Kirkby (Otley) **21.** A Hodgson (Wharfedale) **20:** M Preston (Fylde) **17.** B Wade (Morley) **16:** M Appleson (Leeds) **15:** J Shepherd (Morley), S Turoulotu (Leeds) **14:** Anscough, Brett, S Dovell (Exeter), M Woodman (Exeter). **Dropped goals. 7:** Raymond **5.** C Stephens (Leeds), Zoing **4:** J Firkin (Havant)

Fourth division north

Sheffield 37 **Aspatria** 17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worcester	26	23	3	0	833	378	49
Birmingham	26	19	0	7	746	391	38
Preston Grass	26	17	2	7	568	394	36
Manchester	26	17	1	8	795	504	35
Sandal	26	15	1	10	618	572	31
Stourbridge	26	14	1	11	704	579	29
Winnington P	26	14	1	11	651	565	29
Sheffield	26	11	2	13	486	483	24
Kendal	26	11	1	14	541	451	23
Aspatria	26	10	1	15	616	713	21
Lichfield	26	10	0	16	546	713	20
Nuneaton	26	8	1	17	457	670	17
Hereford	26	4	0	22	287	972	8
Stoke-on-T	26	2	0	24	391	854	4

MIDDLESEX SEVENS: First round: London Scottish 17 Wasps 12; Richmond 24 Sale 17; Blackheath 33 Leicester 28. Barbarians 34 Orrell 0; South American Barbarians 38 Guildford and Godalming 5; Harlequins 26 Oxford University 14, Saracens 29 Bath 5. Italy 19 Bristol 12. **Second round:** London Scottish 38 Richmond 7. Barbarians 42 Blackheath 7. South American Barbarians 33 Harlequins 14, Saracens 29 Italy 14. **Semi-finals:** Barbarians 27 London Scottish 7, Saracens 19 South American Barbarians 14 (aet). **Final:** Barbarians 57 Saracens 5. **Plate:** First round: Wasps 29 Sale 12; Leicester 21 Orrell 19, Oxford University 21 Guildford and Godalming 17, Bristol 26 Bath 21. **Semi-finals:** Wasps 24 Leicester 21, Oxford University 22 Bristol 21. **Final:** Wasps 45 Oxford University 12

Super 12 tournament

N Transvaal 23 **Free State** 35

Northern Transvaal Blue Bulls: Tries: Van der Walt, Bekker, Engelbrecht. **Con:** Steyn. **Pens:** Steyn 2. **Free State Cheetahs:** Tries: Badenhorst 2, Muller, A Venter, B Venter. **Cons:** De Beer 5
(at Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria)

Canterbury 48 ***Queensland*** 3

Canterbury Crusaders. Tries: Maxwell 2, Robertson, Hammett, Gibson, Marshall. **Cons:** Mehrtens 2, Lilley. **Pens:** Mehrtens 3. **Dropped goal:** Mehrtens. **Queensland Reds:** Pen: Eales
(at Lancaster Park, Christchurch)

NSW 20 **Auckland** 34

New South Wales Waratahs: Tries: Murdoch 2. **Cons:** Burke 2. **Pens:** Burke 2. **Auckland Blues:** Tries: Lima 2, Z Brooke, Mika. **Cons:** Cashmore 4. **Pens:** Cashmore 2
(at Sydney Football Stadium)

Gauteng 42 **Natal** 8

Gauteng Lions: Tries: Du Toit 2, Adlam, Gillingham, Van der Walt. **Cons.** Lubbe 4. **Pens:** Lubbe 3. **Natal Sharks:** Try: Van der Westhuizen. **Pen:** Lawless
(at Ellis Park, Johannesburg)

Wellington 29 **ACT** 35

Wellington Hurricanes: Tries: Cullen 2, Tiatia. **Con:** Preston. **Pens:** Preston 3. **Australian Capital Territory Brumbies:** Tries: Hardy 2, Gregan, Finegan, Roff. **Cons:** Knox 2. **Pens:** Knox 3
(at Athletic Park, Wellington)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	B	Pts
Auckland	11	10	1	0	435	283	8	50
ACT	11	8	0	3	406	291	9	41
Wellington	11	6	0	5	416	314	10	34
Natal	11	5	2	4	321	350	5	30
Gauteng	11	5	1	5	302	346	6	28
Canterbury	11	5	1	5	272	235	4	26
Free State	11	5	0	6	301	327	5	25
N Transvaal	11	3	3	5	264	342	4	22
NSW	11	4	0	7	255	296	4	20
Queensland	11	4	0	7	263	318	4	20
Waikato	11	4	0	7	272	285	3	19
Otago	11	3	0	8	299	409	5	17

Pacific Rim championship

Hong Kong 46 **United States** 9
(at Aberdeen Stadium, Hong Kong)

Japan 32 **Canada** 31
(at Prince Chichibu Memorial Ground, Tokyo)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hong Kong	2	2	0	0	88	29	8
Canada	2	1	0	1	84	46	5
Japan	2	1	0	1	52	73	4
United States	2	0	0	2	23	99	0

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals; Dax 19 Montferrand 22 (at Agen); Toulouse 21 Colomiers 12 (at Narbonne); Bourgoin 24 Pau 18 (at Nimes); Agen 22 Bègles-Bordeaux 18 (at Pau). Semi-final draw: Bourgoin v Montferrand; Agen v Toulouse.

WORLD CUP: European qualifying zone: Pool two: Round A: *Croatia 40 Latvia 26 (in Split).*

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Zimbabwe 12 Tonga 42 (in Harare).

AUSTRALIAN POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA: Second division: E Richmond 1 Regent 0; Glen Eira 2 Bell Park 0; Knox City 1 Altona City 2. Mooroolbark 1 Ringwood C 2; Oakleigh 4 E Brunswick 0. O S Waverley 1 East Altona 3. Third division: Chelsea 3 S Werribee 2, Diamond V 2 N Coburg 2; Geelong 4 Fitzroy *0; Keilor 0 Cranbourne 1 Melbourne C 2* Nunawading 0; Pascoe Vale 0 Banyule 5. S Springvale 0 S Caulfield 0. Fourth division: Clifton Hill 2 Geelong R 2; Lalor 0 Moreland 3; Montoulk 0 Keysborough 7; Sandringham 0 Stonnington 3; Sunbury 0 Langwarrin 0. Williamstown 3 Seaford Utd 1. Fifth division: Ballarat 1 Lyndale U 3. Croxton 4 Mitcham 1, Doveton 0 Knox Pk 3. S Wantirna 1 Brandon Pk 2, *Springvale C 4 Melton 3; Sunshine B 2* Endeavour 3

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Premier division: Bayswater 1 Athena 4; Dianella 1 Perth 2; Inglewood 0 Fremantle C 5; Kingsway 1 Sorrento 2; Morley 2 Knights 3; Spearwood 6 Stirling M 0. First division: Armadale Pk 2 Southside 4, Balcatta 1 Rockingham 6; Balga 5 University W A 0; North Lake 1 Cockburn 1; *Queens Pk 0 Bassendean 4; Stirling S 0 Ashfield* 3; Wanneroo 1 Perth City 2.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Premier League: Campb'ltown 2 Woodville 0; Olympians 0 Blue Eagles 2; Salisbury 2 Adelaide R 2; W T Birkalla 0 Port Lion 1. First division: Adelaide City 5 Para Hills 0; Cumberland 0 Elizabeth 2; Enfield 2 Plympton 0.

QUEENSLAND: First division: Annerley 2 Latrobe 2; Bayside 0 Moggill 2; South Side 3 Samford 2. Postponed: Darra v North Pine.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
1	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	1

FORECAST: *Half-time:* No claims required — winnings sent automatically — forecast is moderate; two score draws and ten no-score draws. *Full-time:* Telephone claims invited for 21 and 22pts — although all winnings sent automatically — forecast is very good, six score draws and two no-score draws.

DALLAS: Byron Nelson Classic: Leaders after three rounds: (United States unless stated). 195: T Woods 64, 64, 67. 197: D Bergamo 68, 63, 66; D Forsman 67, 64, 66; J Furyk 63, 67, 67; L Rinker 65, 63, 69; M Standly 66, 63, 68. 198: B Faxon 67, 67, 64; B Bryant 65, 67, 66; K Triplett 67, 65, 66; J Morse 67, 64, 67; C Perry 65, 67, 66; P Stankowski 64, 66, 68; P Blackmar 68, 63, 67. 199: H Sutton 68, 65, 66. 200: N Lancaster 70, 66, 64; R Mediate 66, 68, 66; E Johnson 65, 69, 66; D Edwards 70, 67, 63; A Magee 66, 65, 69; T Watson 65, 66, 69. 201: N Price (Zim) 69, 65, 67; C Parry (Aus) 66, 66, 69. 202: D Frost (SA) 68, 68, 66. 203: N Faldo (GB) 66, 68, 69. 205: H Kase (Japan) 68, 70, 67.

ST MARGARET'S, Dublin: PIB Irish Seniors Open: Leading final scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 208: T Horton 71, 69, 68. 210: N Ratcliffe (Aus) 66, 72, 72. 212: M Gregson 71, 72, 69. 213: I Richardson 71, 75, 67; M Bembridge 70, 71, 72; B Manne (US) 71, 73, 69. 214: N Wood 71, 74, 69. 215: R Campagnoli (It) 73, 74, 68; A Croce 73, 72, 70; B Verwey (SA) 71, 72, 72; D Creamer 71, 72, 72; P Townsend 74, 69, 72; A Garrido (Sp) 70, 72, 73. 216: A Jacklin 74, 74, 68.

SAUNTON, Devon: *Brabazon Trophy* (English amateur strokeplay championship): Leaders after three rounds: 206: D Park (Burghill Valley) 69, 70, 67. 208: O David (Fr) 69, 68, 71; M Sanders (Knowle) 69, 68, 71. 209: S Garcia (Sp) 68, 73, 68; M Hilton (East Sussex National) 71, 68, 70. 210: P Rowe (West Cornwall) 71, 71, 68; G Ogilvy (Aus) 74, 66, 70. 211: J Donaldson *(Macclesfield) 69, 73, 69; S McCarthy* (Royal North Devon) 74, 67, 70; K Wallbank (Fairhaven) 71, 69, 71, O Cousins (St Neots) 71, 66, 74. 212: S Hansen (Den) 71, 73, 68; G Wolstenholme (Kilworth Springs) 76, 68, 68; S Webster (Ilfield) 70, 74, 68; J Rose (North Hants) 72, 71, 69, R Price (Monmouthshire) 70, 73, 69, M Searle (Lyme Regis) 71, 70, 71; J-M Lara (Sp) 69, 71, 72; *R Miller (Holl) 69, 69, 74. 213:* P Streeter (Belton Woods) 71, 71, 71; R Best (NZ) 72, 69, 72; M Carver (West Kent) 72, 69, 72; L Storm (Den) 69, 71, 73; I Rasy (Bury) 74, 66, 73; P Nelson (Renishaw Park) 69, 69, 75. 214: R Quiros (Sp) 75, 69, 70; T Dier (Ger) 70, 74, 70, M Stackey (Hayling) 73, 69, 72. R Duck (Northamptonshire County) 74, 67, 73; S Walker (Maxstoke *Park) 70, 70, 74. 215:* M Keeling (Burslem) 74, 70, 71; C McMonagle (Gweedore) 70, 73, 72; S Bawick (East Berkshire) 71, 71, 73; J Lee (Switz) 69, 73, 73. L Donald (Beaconsfield) 71, 70, 74; R Birney (Trevose) 68, 72, 77. 216: M Smith (Forest Hills) 73, 71, 72; D Dixon (Enmore Park) 75, 69, 72; C Rodgers (Royal Mid Surrey) 75, 69, 72; J Jones (Enfield) 71, 72, 73; J *Webber (Bristol and Clifton) 69, 73, 74. 217:* M Naylor (Radcliffe-on-Trent) 70, 74, 73, B Taylor (Thorpe Hall) 73, 71, 73; J Morgan (Clevedon) 72, 72, 73; Y Taylor (Brynhill) 73, 70, 74; S Little (Moor Park) 70, 72, 75; P Thomas (West Bradford) 73, 69, 75.

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Regulation not activity of economic nature

Institute of Chartered Accountants v Commissioners of Customs and Excise

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Thorpe and Sir Roger Parker

[Judgment May 15]

The Institute of Chartered Accountants was not entitled to charge value-added tax on the charges it made for granting licences and certificates to practitioners in accountancy who carried on investment business, practised as auditors or as insolvency practitioners.

Those were not activities of an economic nature. The fact that the institute generated revenue from the issue of licences, certificates or maintenance of the register to cover overheads did not of itself mean that it was an economic activity. In doing so the institute was performing public services to which any idea of commercial exploitation with a view to profit was alien.

Further, those functions were typical of the activity of a public authority. Although connected with the activity of the profession of accountancy, the activity of the institute did not consist in the supply of such services for a consideration but in ensuring that those in the profession who did provide such services did so in accordance with the law.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the institute from the dismissal by Mr Justice Tuckey on February 13, 1996, of an appeal from the VAT Tribunal, which had upheld a ruling of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise on March 25, 1994, that the institute could not charge VAT for the services. Leave to appeal was granted.

Section 4 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 provides:

"(1) VAT shall be charged on any supply of goods or services made in the United Kingdom where it is a taxable supply made by a taxable person in the course or furtherance of any business carried on by him.

"(2) A taxable supply is a supply of goods or services made in the United Kingdom other than an exempt supply."

Section 5 provides: "(2) (a) ... 'supply' in this Act includes all forms of supply, but not anything done otherwise than for a consideration; (b) anything which is not a supply of goods but is done for a consideration ..., is a supply of services."

Section 94 provides: "(1) In this Act 'business' includes any trade, profession or vocation.

"(2) Without prejudice to the generality of anything else in this Act, the following are deemed to be the carrying on of a business — (a) The provision by a club, association or organisation (for a subscription or other consideration) of the facilities or advantages available to its members..."

Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC and Mr Rupert Baldry for the institute; Mr Kenneth Parker, QC, for the commissioners.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that on the supplies used in performing the services the institute paid VAT. It was registered for VAT and the effect of the ruling by the commissioners was that it was unable to recover by way of set-off, the VAT which it had paid.

Mr Thornhill placed great emphasis on the decision in *Commission of the European Communities v Kingdom of The Netherlands* (Case 235/85) ([1987] ECR 1471). He submitted that all that was necessary for an economic activity was (a) the supply of services, (b) on a regular basis and (c) for a consideration.

The purpose of the Sixth Council Directive (77/388/EEC) (OJ 1977 L145/1) was the harmonisation of the laws of the members states relating to turnover taxes with the aim of introducing a common system of VAT with a uniform basis of assessment. Article 1 required member states to modify their VAT systems to bring them into accord with the articles of the directive by January 1, 1978.

Article 2 provided: "The following shall be subject to value added tax: "1. The supply of goods or services effected for consideration within the territory of the country by a taxable person acting as such."

Article 4 provided: "1 'Taxable person' shall mean any person who independently carries out in any place any economic activity specified in paragraph 2, whatever the purpose or results of that activity.

"2 The economic activities referred to in paragraph 1 shall comprise all activities of producers, traders and persons supplying services including mining and agricultural activities and activities of the professions...

"5. States, regional and local government authorities and other bodies governed by public law shall not be considered taxable persons in respect of the activities or transactions in which they engage as public authorities, even where they collect dues, fees, contributions or payments in connection with these activities or transactions..."

Article 13 made provisions for exemptions. Exemption (1)(l) was: "supply of services and goods closely linked thereto for the benefit of their members in return for a subscription fixed in accordance with their rules by non-profit making organisations with aims of a political, trade union, religious, patriotic, philosophical, philanthropic or civic nature, provided that this exemption is not likely to cause distortion of competition."

Article 6 provided: "1 'Supply of services' shall mean any transaction which does not constitute a supply of goods within the meaning of article 5. Such transactions may include inter alia ... the performance of services in pursuance of an order made by or in the name of a public authority or in pursuance of the law."

In construing an Act of Parliament passed with intention of giving effect to a Directive of Community law, United Kingdom courts were bound to interpret and apply the legislation so that the provisions of the Act conformed with the requirements of Community law. In short, it was to be presumed that Parliament used language which was intended to implement the provisions of the Directive.

In *Litster v Forth Dry Dock and Engineering Co Ltd* ([1989] 1 AC 546, 554) Lord Keith of Kinkel had said, *in relation to a different* Directive: "In these circumstances it is the duty of the court to give to regulation 5 a construction which accords with the decisions of the European Court upon the corresponding provisions of the Directive to which the regulation was intended by Parliament to give effect. The precedent established by *Pickstone v Freemans plc* ([1989] AC 66) indicates that this is to be done by implying the words necessary to achieve that result."

Applying that approach it seemed plain that the words of the 1994 Act were intended to encompass the activities referred to in the Sixth Directive and that the court had to approach the interpretation of that Act in accordance with the purposes of the directive and decisions of the European Court bearing on the meaning of economic activity.

In *Commission v The Netherlands* Mr Advocate-General Lenz had examined the meaning of "economic activities" in article 4(2) of the Sixth Directive.

He pointed out that the provision did not require the exercise of a profit making activity or one subject to market forces, but only a permanent activity pursued for consideration.

After drawing attention to the fact that "economic activities" was intended to be given an extensive definition, he said (at paragraph 22): "It is not therefore necessary for services to be primarily or exclusively orientated towards the market or economic life in order to come within the scope of VAT; it is sufficient that they are actually connected with economic life in some way or another."

The essence of the court's decision was in paragraph 9 which read: "In view of the wide definition of the term 'economic activities', encompassing all the activities of the professions without any reservation in respect of professions regulated by statute, it must be concluded that *in so far* as notaries and bailiffs in The Netherlands provide services *to private individuals* on a permanent basis and *in return for remuneration* they carry out an economic activity within the meaning of the Sixth Directive." (Emphasis added).

That reasoning suggested that the definition of "economic activity" *did require consideration of* the nature of the activity although its purpose and the mere fact that it was regulated by statute were irrelevant.

The same reasoning was applied in the case of the Spanish tax collectors: *Ayuntamiento de Sevilla v Recaudadores de las Zonas Primera y Segunda* (Case C-202/90) ([1993] STC 659).

Neither of those decisions seemed to be definitive in deciding whether a particular activity was in fact an economic activity. Rather the suggestion was that activities carried on in a particular way where services were provided for reward were not exempt merely because if carried out by regional or local government authorities or other bodies governed by public law, they would not be considered as taxable persons; or, more succinctly, that an activity carried on by a *private individual* was *not* excluded from the scope of VAT merely because it consisted in the performance of acts falling within the prerogative of the public authority.

After considering *Wellcome Trust Ltd v Customs and Excise Commissioners* (Case C-155/94) ([1996] STC 945) and *SAT Fuggesellschaft mbH v European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation* (Case C-364/92) ([1994] ECR I-43) his Lordship said that from all the cases he concluded that the concept of "an economic activity" was an activity which typically was *performed* for a consideration and was connected with economic life in some way or another.

But it was not an essential characteristic that it should be carried on with a view to profit or for commercial reasons but it had to be an activity which was analogous to activities so carried on.

Applying those criteria to the activities of the institute he found that they were not activities of an economic nature. They were activities which Parliament had decreed should be carried out for the protection of the public and were to be regarded as the exercise of public control over those who engage in financial services, auditing and insolvency practice.

While acknowledging the force of the submissions made on the institute's behalf, his Lordship did not feel any real doubt about the conclusion that the institute's activities were not economic activities within article 4 or the Sixth Directive and would not refer the question to the European Court of Justice.

Lord Justice Thorpe and Sir Roger Parker agreed.

Solicitors: Denton Hall, Milton Keynes; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Directive cannot protect future pension rights

Adams and Others v Lancashire County Council and Another

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Phillips

[Judgment May 15]

The Acquired Rights Directive on the transfer of an undertaking or business to another employer (Council Directive 77/187/EEC) (OJ 1977 No L61/26) required member states to afford protection only for employees' accrued pension rights, under article 3(3), and there was no provision therein to protect pension rights arising after the date of transfer.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of the plaintiffs, Barbara Adams and ten other dinner ladies, from Mr Justice Robert Walker (*The Times* January 25, 1996; [1996] ICR 935) when he *dismissed their originating summons* against their former employer, Lancashire County Council, and BET Catering Services Ltd, which tendered successfully to take over their work.

Article 3 of the Directive provides: "(1) The transferor's rights and obligations arising from a contract of employment ... existing on the date of a transfer within the meaning of article 1(1) shall, by reason of such transfer, be transferred to the transferee...

"(2) Following the transfer ... the transferee shall continue to observe the terms and conditions *agreed in any collective agreement* on the same terms applicable to the transferor under that agreement...

"(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not cover employees' rights to old-age, invalidity or survivors' benefits under supplementary company or inter-company pension schemes ... in member states.

"Member states shall adopt the measures necessary to protect the interests of employees and of persons no longer employed in the transferor's business at the time of the transfer ... in respect of rights conferring on them immediate or prospective entitlement to old-age benefits, including survivors' benefits, under supplementary schemes referred to in the first subparagraph."

Mr Brian Langstaff, QC and Miss Helen Mountfield for the plaintiffs; Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Mr Jason Coppell for Lancashire; Mr. David Pannick, QC and Mr Peter Cranfield for BET.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that the government contended that the obligations imposed by the Directive as a whole were implemented by the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794), and that the second limb of article 3(3) was implemented, most recently, in Part IV of the Pension Schemes Act 1993.

The plaintiffs submitted, inter alia, that pension rights were deferred pay; the judge's construction of article 3(3) was wrong, as it left incomplete the scheme of protection the article should be *interpreted as offering for both* past and future and immediate and deferred pay.

On his construction there was no protection for deferred pay in the form of pension rights for current and future work after the transfer. Reliance was placed on the purpose, scheme, content and wording of the Directive.

His Lordship said that, like the judge, he found it impossible to draw any firm conclusions from the preparatory works. It was not disputed the Directive had to be construed purposively: see *Srl CILFIT v Ministry of Health* (Case 283/81) ([1982] ECR 3415, 3430, paragraphs 18-20).

It was intended to safeguard the rights of workers in the event of a change of employer by making it possible for them to continue to work for the new employer under the same conditions as those agreed with the transferor: see *Rotsart de Hertaing v J. Benoidt SA* (Case C-305/94) ([1997] IRLR 127, 131, paragraph 16).

But the question was what was the purpose of article 3 and in particular subparagraph (3). That had to be ascertained from its wording in the light of the overall purpose of the Directive.

In his Lordship's judgment, the second limb of subparagraph (3) was dealing with accrued rights in respect of periods of service occurring prior to transfer; that was apparent from the words "rights conferring on them immediate or prospective entitlement".

Further, ex-employees could, by definition, only have accrued rights. There could be no purpose in dealing with the effects of a transfer with which they were not concerned to make provision for their future rights.

As employees at the time of transfer and ex-employees were treated alike, there was no basis to conclude that the future rights of present employees were included.

The first limb of subparagraph (3) applied to all employees' rights to the specified benefits. Although the phrase "rights to ... benefits" could be spelt out of both limbs, it did not follow that they had the same meaning. The context was not the same: the words between "to" and "benefits" limited the second limb to accrued rights. There was no such limitation in the first limb so that the words used did not require that the first limb should apply only to accrued rights.

The scheme of article 3 was such that, subject to subparagraph (3), subparagraph (1) transferred existing obligations of the former employer thereby enabling the employee to enforce his correlative right against his new employer.

His Lordship therefore rejected the plaintiffs' argument and said that his conclusion accorded with *Abels v Administrative Board of the Bedrijfsvereniging voor de Metaalindustrie* (Case 135/83) ([1985] ECR 469, 477, 487-488, paragraphs 36 and 37); *Walden Engineering Co Ltd v Warrener* ([1993] ICR 967, 972) and the persuasive authority of the EFTA Court of Justice in *Eidesund v Stavanger Catering A/S* (Case E-2/95) ([1997] IRLR 684, 690).

The judge was right for substantially the reasons he gave. He acknowledged that the consequence of his view of the directive was to leave a gap.

However, if there was no general obligation on a employer to set up and fund and thereafter at all times to maintain a pension scheme for the benefit of its workforce, and there was no such general obligation in respect of the transferee's existing workforce, then there seemed to be no good reason to assume it was intended that the transferee of the undertaking should be subjected to such an obligation in respect of those employees whose employment was transferred.

There was no gap unless it was *assumed that employees whose* employment was transferred pursuant to article 3(1) should be entitled to require their new employer to provide them with a pension scheme.

Lord Justice Phillips and Lord Justice Leggatt agreed.

Solicitors: Brian Thompson & Partners; Mr G. A. Johnson, Preston; Biddle & Co.

Court powerless to direct future liquidators

In re Powerstore (Trading) Ltd

In re Homepower Stores Ltd

Before Mr Justice Lightman

[Judgment May 13]

The court had no jurisdiction to make an order directing future *liquidators as to how they should* distribute their assets either under sections 18(3) or 14(3) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

There was accordingly no power to make an order that in a voluntary liquidation, creditors who in a compulsory liquidation would be preferential creditors were to enjoy like status in the voluntary liquidation.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in the Companies Court of the Chancery Division when refusing an application to make such an order, but granting applications to discharge administration orders conditional on the passing of resolutions to wind up the companies and a release of the administrators save in respect of one notified claim against them.

Ms Lexa Hilliard for the administrators; Ms Susan Prevezer for the unsecured creditors; Mr Andrew Lenon for the Inland Revenue.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said the applications under sections 18(1) and 14(3) of the 1986 Act by the joint administrators of two associated companies Homepower Stores Ltd and Powerstore (Trading) Ltd, *raised unresolved questions* regarding the court's jurisdiction under sections 14(3) and 18(3) to make orders on discharge of an administration order when the administration was to give way to liquidation.

The companies carried on business selling electrical goods. Administration orders were made on April 29, 1996 appointing the same two persons as joint administrators. One of their purposes, a more advantageous realisation of the companies' assets, was achieved. The creditors wanted a liquidation with their nominees, and not the administrators as liquidators.

The question raised was whether the companies should go into compulsory or voluntary liquidation. The choice had serious consequences for the creditors.

In a compulsory liquidation, the preferential creditors were to be ascertained as at the date of the making of the administration order, but in a voluntary liquidation at the date of the resolution to wind up.

There was a substantial body of preferential creditors if their status were determined as at the date of the administration orders, but at the date of any resolutions for winding up there would be none.

Accordingly those creditors who would be preferential if there were a compulsory liquidation would only agree to a voluntary liquidation if their status as preferential creditors could be preserved.

The administrators sought to protect the creditors' position. Agreement was reached to place the companies into voluntary liquidation.

The administrators applied for orders on the discharge of the administration orders supported *by most non-preferential* creditors and the proposed liquidators.

The Inland Revenue raised questions as to the court's jurisdiction to make an order that the creditors who would be preferential creditors in the case of a compulsory liquidation would enjoy a like status in the voluntary liquidation.

It was clear that since the passing of the Act numerous orders directing the future liquidators to make such payments had been made under section 18(3). They saved the unnecessary costs and inconvenience of a compulsory liquidation without prejudicing the rights of those who would be preferential creditors in a compulsory liquidation and would not otherwise agree to that course.

The jurisdiction provided by section 18(3) was in very wide terms. So long as the order was consequential on discharge of the administration order, the court was prima facie empowered to make any such order as in the circumstances might appear just.

When an order for a voluntary liquidation would only be just if some special protection or priority were afforded to a creditor, there was much to be said for the view that the court so direct.

The difficulty was twofold:

First, the court was given by section 18(3), as by 14(3), jurisdiction to give directions, not to future liquidators, but to administrators. Accordingly, neither section conferred jurisdiction to give a direction to future liquidators as to how they should distribute assets in the liquidation.

Second, the direction required the future liquidator to disapply the part of the statutory scheme for distribution of the companies' assets *pari passu* among the creditors who in accordance with the statutory scheme were unpreferred creditors in the liquidation. Neither sections 14(3) nor 18(3) conferred the necessary statutory authority to override the statutory scheme.

Section 14(1) of and paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to the Act gave the administrators powers wide enough to permit a distribution to creditors who would be preferential creditors if the companies had gone into liquidation on the date when the administration orders were made; but the power was only exercisable to advance the purposes for which the administration orders were made: see *Re WSBL Realisations 1922 Ltd* ([1995] BCC 1118).

The insuperable problem in the instant case was that the purpose of the proposed payment was not the more advantageous realisation of the companies' assets but a more advantageous method of distribution of assets. Section 14(1) and paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 were inapplicable. There was no jurisdiction to make the order sought.

Solicitors: Wragge & Co, Birmingham; Hammond Suddards; Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

Judge must quash decision before remitting case

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Ferrero UK Ltd

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment May 6]

A judge erred in remitting a case to a value-added tax tribunal for rehearing under Order 55, rule 7(5) of the Rules of the Supreme Court without quashing the original decision.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the taxpayer, Ferrero UK Ltd, against the decision of Mr Justice Potts in the Queen's Bench Division on May 1, 1996 to remit a decision of the London VAT Tribunal, that the supply of two products produced by the taxpayer was zero-rated for VAT purposes, to another tribunal for rehearing and determination.

Order 55, rule 7 provides: "(5) The court may give any judgment or decision or make any order which ought to have been given or made by the ... tribunal ... and make such further or other order as the case may require or may *remit the matter with the opinion* of the court for rehearing and determination by it..."

Mr David Ewart for the taxpayer; Mrs Melanie Hall for the commissioners.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the commissioners, by their amended notice of appeal, had contended that the VAT tribunal had misconstrued the legislation and had answered the wrong question.

Before the judge, the taxpayer had taken the point that the matter relied upon had not been relied upon before the tribunal and, therefore, the commissioners could only raise the matter with the leave of the judge.

The judge had held that the commissioners were not entitled to raise the new point and had remitted the matter to another tribunal for rehearing and determination.

In taking that course the judge had been purporting to rely on the power contained in Order 55, rule 7(5).

His Lordship was bound to say that the judge was in error in so remitting the matter. The judge could not remit the whole of the matter for rehearing and determination without quashing the decision of the tribunal which was *under appeal*.

If he did not quash the decision there would, in due course, be two conflicting decisions of tribunals and the issue would arise as to which decision was binding.

Before the judge could remit the matter he would have to come to the conclusion that there was a corrective order required and he would have to look into the merits of the appeal and decide that the decision was one which should not have been made.

Although the power was not contained in Order 55, rule 7, the court could, as part of its jurisdiction for the purposes of assisting it to determine an appeal, obtain additional assistance from the *tribunal which had previously* determined the matter if it considered that it was necessary to do so. That must be an inherent power in the court exercising its appellate jurisdiction in relation to tribunal decisions.

It was not necessary to remit the *present matter* to the tribunal. The commissioners were saying no more than that the tribunal had applied the wrong test.

That was a matter of interpretation of the decision and the reasons given and his Lordship was satisfied that the tribunal had applied the *right* test.

Lord Justice Hutchison delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Mummery agreed.

Solicitors: Taylor Joynson Garrett; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Adding grounds of appeal

Greenalls Management Ltd v Canavan

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment April 29]

An appellant who was granted leave to appeal limited to specified grounds should notify the respondent of any intention to apply for leave to rely on additional grounds at the appeal and the court could then, in preparing the case, determine whether it would be appropriate and helpful to give such leave prior to the hearing.

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an application by the plaintiff, Greenalls Management Ltd, to set aside the decision of Lord Justice Hirst on January 14 to give the defendant, Brendan Canavan, leave to appeal against the grant of an interim injunction by Mr Richard Mawrey, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on November 12, 1996.

Mr Nicholas Green for the plaintiff; Mr Alan Tyrrell, QC and Mr Tom Skinner for the defendant.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing with Lord Justice Mummery that the application should be dismissed, said that that was a convenient opportunity to give some assistance as to general practice.

Where a lord justice gave leave to appeal on specified grounds only, indicating that he was not giving leave in relation to the other grounds, it was still open to an appellant to seek to rely on those grounds in relation to which leave had not been given if, and only if he got the leave of the court to rely *on those grounds*.

The appropriate practice to follow in such a situation was for the appellant to give notice to the respondent that he intended to rely on grounds which had not received leave if the court would give him leave to rely on those additional grounds at the hearing of the appeal.

On being notified of that, the court could, in its preparation of the case, determine whether or not it was an appropriate case to give that leave either at the hearing of the appeal or prior to the appeal if the court considered that it would be helpful to do so.

Lord Justice Ward agreed.

Solicitors: Travers Smith Braithwaite; Ferdinand Kelly, Birmingham.

Meaning of 'disability'

Thomas v Plaistow

The word "disability" had the same meaning in section 33(3)(d) of the Limitation Act 1980 as in section 28 and referred to infancy or being of unsound mind.

While section 28 conferred mandatory extension of time where there was existing disability, it was at the court's discretion whether to grant an extension of time where there was supervening disability.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Phillips) so held on April 23 *dismissing* an appeal by Kevin Plaistow from a decision of Mr Justice Tucker on December 18, 1995 that the primary limitation period in an action for damages for personal injury brought by the plaintiff, Margaret Elaine Thomas, be disapplied pursuant to section 33 of the 1980 Act.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that Parliament in the Act had adopted word for word the recommendations of the Law Reform Committee's *Interim Report on Limitation of Actions in Personal Injury Claims* ((1974) Cmnd 5360), of which he was himself a signatory.

The report showed clearly that the word "disability" had the same meaning in section 33(3)(d) as in section 28. The rationale was that while section 28 conferred mandatory extension of time in the case of existing disability, supervening disability should be dealt with as an exercise of the court's discretion.

The Court of Appeal in *Bater v Newbold* (unreported, July 30, 1991) had not been shown the background to those sections of the Act.

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Charity: Church Society
Scheme for the regulation of the Charity
Reference: EM/249574CD(T)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Church Society, Dean Wace House, 16 Rosslyn Road, Watford, Herts, WD1 7EY, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to The Charity Commission, Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: The UKAEA Benevolent Fund
Varying Scheme
Reference: HH/15954/CD(T)

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HANSON BEQUEST
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B. The following Trusts fall under Section 74(2) a of the Charities Act 1993 and the Trustees have resolved to transfer the assets to another Trust with similar objectives

OULTON LOWESTOFT TRUST
CHARITY OF H H BOLTON

All these decisions have been taken on consultation with the Charity Commission and have their approval.

Requests for copies of the Resolutions or enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary of Church Society at Dean Wace House, 16 Rosslyn Road, Watford, Herts. WD1 7EY.

The Revd D S Allister
Chairman of Council
J M Lindeck
Company Secretary
13 May 1997

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MARGARET MARY BENNETT spinster late of Llandudno, Conwy, died at Bangor on 12th July 1996 (Residue of Estate about £10,000) The kin of the above named is requested to APPLY to Messrs Chamberlain Johnson & Parks, 17 Trinity Square, Llandudno, Conwy LL30 2RN

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Dated the 8th May 1997
Graham Thomas Brown
Director

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF
P D SELECTIONS LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 25 April 1997, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.

M J Carter
Dated this 25 April 1997

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WINDMILL CREATIVE LIMITED
87/89 Saffron Hill, London, EC1N 8QU

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Amongst the resolutions to be taken at the meeting may be one specifying the basis by the which the liquidator is to be remunerated.

The meeting may also receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the Statement of Affairs and summoning, advertising and holding the statutory meeting of creditors.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Single & Company, Chartered Accountants, 6-7 Queen Street, London, EC4N 1SP between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on 20 and 21 May 1997.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a completed proxy form at Single & Company, Chartered Accountants, 6-7 Queen Street, London, EC4N 1SP, no later than 12 noon on 21 May 1997. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.

By Order of the Board
James Tindall
Director
1 May 1997

In the matter of Nippon Oil Exploration UK Limited
and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the liquidator of the above company intends to make a distribution to the creditors of the company within four months from Friday 27 June 1997. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims to the liquidator at KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before 27 June 1997 which is the last day for proving claims. The full details of claims, referred to above, must include the creditor's name and address, the amount of the claim and particulars of how and when the debt was incurred by the company.

Notice is also given that the intended distribution is a final distribution and will be made without regard to any claims not made by the last day for proving claims. All funds remaining in the liquidator's hands following the final distribution to creditors shall be distributed to shareholders absolutely.

Note: the company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.

Date 9 May 1997
PJ [illegible]
Liquidator

No. 001598 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
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Mr. Registrar Buckley
IN THE MATTER OF ADVANCED FLUID SYSTEMS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Advanced Fluid Systems Limited having by Special Resolution cancelled its share premium account as confirmed by an Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated 30th April 1997 have now registered the said Order pursuant to Section 138 of the Companies Act 1985. Such registration was completed and a Certificate of Registration issued by Companies House, Cardiff, on the 9th May 1997 under the No. 2643127.

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Dated the 8th May 1997
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The Times Good University Guide

Decade of growth has made it harder to choose

JEZ COULSON/INSIGHT

Smiling through: financial pressures on students are increasing but gaining a degree still remains an advantage when seeking a job

Britain's universities stand at a crossroads in their history. After two decades of almost constant flux, fundamental decisions affecting the life of every student have to be faced.

The higher education system is already virtually unrecognisable from the one in place at the beginning of the decade: there are almost twice as many universities and 50 per cent more students. At the start of a new Parliament, with a government review of higher education taking place and the prospect of "free" tuition disappearing in at least some universities, there are few certainties left.

Those hoping to enter university in 1998 will need to take more care than ever over their choices. Applications are running well ahead of last year, and competition for popular courses is bound to be stiff.

For the next five days, *The Times* provides a starting point in the increasingly complex search for the right course. No guide can cater for individual tastes, but a wealth of information is available to narrow down the possibilities. *The Good University Guide* distils some of this information into a more manageable form and offers advice on the applications process.

At first sight, choosing a university appears to have become simpler as the decade has worn on. The distinction between universities and polytechnics was swept away in 1992 and the number of places expanded to the point where far more young (and not so young) people could benefit from higher education. Virtually everyone with two A levels, and a great many without, can now get onto a degree course somewhere.

Almost a third of 18-year-olds now go on to higher education, compared with one in seven in 1980, and at least twice that proportion will take a course at some point in their life. Yet, by ridding Britain of its "elite" university system, the very process of opening up higher education ensured the creation of a new hierarchy of institutions. The myth that all degrees were equal could not survive in a nation of 100 diverse universities and a growing number of degree-providing colleges.

Prospective employers want to know not only what a graduate studied, but also where. Those committing their money to student sponsorship or funding research are comparing institutions department by department. This has become possible because of a new transparency in what a former higher education minister described as the "secret garden of academe". Official demands for more and more published information have taxed the patience of university administrators but given outsiders the opportunity to make more meaningful comparisons.

Many see the beginnings of a British Ivy League in the competitive culture that has ensued. Even before the recent upheavals, the lion's share of research cash went to fewer than 20 traditional universities, enabling them to upgrade their facilities and attract many of the top academics. As student numbers have gone through the roof, however, general higher education budgets have been squeezed and the funding gap has widened.

Beneath the veneer of a unified higher education system, three types of university are emerging: the research-based elite, a large group dedicated primarily to teaching, and an indeterminate number of mixed-economy institutions in the middle struggling to maintain a research base. Sir Ron Dearing's review of higher education will report in July, with legislation to follow in the autumn, but it is hard to imagine that pattern changing in the foreseeable future.

There is no need for formalised divisions because the market is already taking the university system in the direction that both main political parties would probably favour. The politicians have enough on their hands dealing with who should pay for the renewed expansion of higher education that both the universities and the business community want.

The answer is not in doubt: students may postpone the evil moment until well after graduation, and some may persuade their families or future employers to share the financial burden, but they will soon be paying for higher education. The days of the maintenance grant covering all a student's living costs are long gone in any case, as rising levels of student debt have demonstrated. But the knowledge that any financial support from the State is going to have to be repaid is bound to concentrate applicants' minds further.

Baroness Blackstone, the new Higher Education Minister, has not ruled out charging for tuition, although, like its predecessor, the Government has set its face against individual universities levying "top-up" fees. Nevertheless, some may feel they have no option unless their state support is increased.

At the very least, applicants for places in 1998 should demand to know whether their chosen universities have ruled out tuition fees and, if so, whether they would be exempt from any future charges. If there are to be fees, those from low-income families will want to know what bursaries are available.

Doubtless some will be tempted, once the attractions of university life have been balanced against the costs and loss of potential earnings, to write off higher education. Simon Gold (below) and his friends are living proof.

There are plenty of self-made millionaires to testify that the University of Life is the only training ground a person needs for success. And, with so many graduates competing for jobs, a degree will never again be an automatic passport to a fast-track career. But graduates' career prospects remain far superior to school leavers'.

Even for those who cannot afford three or more years of full-time education after leaving school, university remains a possibility. The modular courses offered by most universities enable students to study at their own pace. Distance learning is another option.

This week's series and the book which accompanies it will provide pointers for applicants to pursue. Tomorrow and Wednesday will feature rankings for more than 20 subjects and offer advice on sources of information in other areas; Thursday will focus on Oxbridge and Friday sees the overall table of British universities.

John O'Leary

Is a degree worth the effort?

SIMON WALKER

Simon Gold: "My mother can't afford to send me to university, so I would have to borrow money"

A STUDENT'S VIEW

As a sixth-former, I have an important choice to make next year. I go to a fairly good school, where I am doing A levels. But many intelligent people in my school are having doubts about going to university. Students aren't sure any more if there is any point.

"Degrees aren't what they used to be," lamented my politics teacher, preparing us for our exams. "You are no longer guaranteed a job with a degree. Nowadays an MA will get you to where a degree would have got you several years ago."

This is the situation that led a girl in my year to tell me that she probably wasn't going to go to university. She is a perfectly intelligent girl who would probably make a very valuable contribution to society in later life, but she is not convinced that higher education is worth the burden of debt she would face.

This is the position my cousin finds herself in, receiving £4 an hour after spending three years studying for a degree. A local employment agency said it could offer me twice that amount without her qualifications.

Many people who have got to exactly where they want to be in society believe that if you work hard enough, you can be anything you want to be. I think I know where I would like to be when I'm older: in a courtroom would be my dream.

The problem is that I don't know on which side of the law I would be. I might be in a courtroom trying to fight off bailiffs and bankruptcy if I go on to university and don't get a good job afterwards.

My parents are divorced and my mother can't afford to put me through university, so I would have to borrow money for my law degree. The problem is that if I don't find a decent job afterwards, how will I pay off my debts?

I could take a gamble and hope for the best, but it would be easier to try to find a job straight after A levels. I'm just wondering when someone will bother to address this issue for me and the thousands of students out there with the same problem.

Education has to become valued again in our society. Near irreparable damage has been done to the quality of education, the brunt of which is borne by the student. Government needs to make a U-turn on education. More grants need to be provided for people who cannot afford to go to university otherwise.

At the same time, instead of making the whole thing easier, dramatic changes need to take place to make exams and syllabuses harder. Standards are slipping in schools and colleges. Qualifications do not mean what they used to. For example, GCSEs mean everything if you haven't got them, and nothing if you have. Students are unhappy with the way they have to push themselves through the system to arrive at the top with little more than they started with. Let's see if new Labour brings a fresh approach to education in Britain.

Simon Gold

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Electronic application forms are a bonus for students, says **David Charter**

Safety Net will screen out the silly errors

Candidates can apply to six universities on their Ucas form

A trivial mistake in your university application form can cause unnecessary delays in processing, but such problems could be a thing of the past thanks to the Internet.

From the autumn, students seeking a higher education course in 1998 will be able to fill in their application forms on screen with the aid of a prompt to guide them through each section, then send them off via the Internet or on disk.

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas), which has run trials of its screen-based application form in schools for several years, believes there are advantages for students.

Anthony McClaran, deputy chief executive of Ucas, says: "We are finding far fewer mistakes when forms are done online in this way.

"It saves trivial errors. For example, a lot of students fill in the day's date as their birthday, but on the electronic form you are prompted to put in another date when there is one that is clearly impossible."

Every school or college will be able to enter its candidates electronically next term, although the traditional form will still be acceptable.

Users of *The Good University Guide* applying for courses starting in 1998 have at least another five months to consider their options before the first deadline of October 15 (for Oxford and Cambridge candidates; the general deadline for all other universities is December 15).

Art and design students have two options, Routes A and B, a legacy of last year's link-up of the Art and Design Admissions Registry (Adar) with Ucas. Route A is the same as for all other students, and Route B, the former Adar method, is a sequential process with a January deadline, where application forms pass from one institution to the next. The first step for prospective students is to send for the Ucas handbook. Copies are sent to all secondary schools, colleges and public libraries, and are available from Ucas, PO Box 28, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 3SA.

Candidates can apply to six universities on their Ucas form, which are not listed in order of preference. They will be allowed to keep a maximum of two offers by the beginning of May, one firm offer and one insurance place.

From this November, universities will start making conditional offers based on A-level points or vocational qualifications to those still to sit their examinations. Other applicants will either be made firm offers of a place on the basis of existing qualifications or be rejected and left with clearing.

Candidates who miss the December 15 deadline can still submit an application to Ucas but universities are not obliged to give them equal consideration.

The official lists of university course vacancies for this autumn will be published on A-level results day for the first time — a recognition that the scramble for places begins as soon as grades are known.

Technically, the clearing process will not start until the following week, when candidates begin receiving their clearing forms from Ucas. A place can be agreed verbally but will not be officially confirmed until the form changes hands.

Clearing, the post-results matching of students and places, has been happening faster and earlier every year and this year will be no exception, with many of the popular courses filled up within seven days.

Universities are penalised if they take on too many students because of the Government's freeze on higher education places, so when they say a course is full, there is no room to manoeuvre.

Students would do well to heed the perennial advice from Ucas and make sure they are not away on holiday in the week starting August 14, A-level results day.

Jess Enderby, assistant chief executive of Ucas said: "Universities have said that students contact them on the Thursday anyway, so we decided they may as well have the listings there to refer to."

He said Ucas would this year require a final decision on confirmed offers by August 20 and on insurance offers by August 22.

"The idea is that universities ought to be able to take quicker decisions on confirmed offers. Hopefully it will speed up the process, allow faster decisions and get those heading for clearing there a little quicker," he said.

In a move which started last year, clearing forms will be sent out in mid-July to applicants who hold no offers of places. Up to 150,000 students are expected to try for 40,000 places in clearing this year.

Poachers play a dangerous game

About 418,000 applications were made to higher education last year through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas), a slight dip on the year before, but evidence enough to show that the demand for higher education remains buoyant.

Ucas has coped admirably with the massive rise in applications in recent years, but is now experiencing problems. The most serious, as Professor Berrick Saul, its chairman, has recently admitted, is "the practice of institutions bypassing Ucas altogether in admitting students and poaching students".

This is one of several cracks that have appeared in the central admissions procedure. I believe these cracks may undermine the whole structure. The world of and entry to higher education have changed beyond recognition since the Universities Central Council on Admissions, as it used to be called, was founded in 1961. Because there were only 25 universities compared with 115 now, it was little more than a cottage industry.

Applications, confined as they were to a small elite of overwhelmingly middle-class 18-year-olds, were made and processed without the pressures that greater access to higher education has generated recently.

Those days are gone. Not only has there been an enormous increase in the numbers applying, but equally importantly there has been a change in attitude and behaviour of the two constituencies Ucas has served — the applicants and the universities. The increased challenge for applicants to acquire a place on their favoured course, and the universities to meet the targets set by the Higher Education Funding Council, have resulted in both groups breaking the gentlemen's rules on which the effective working of the system has depended.

One of these rules is that all applications received before December 15 must receive equal treatment by the universities.

We in schools know that this has not been the case for some time, and that those who submit their applications, especially for popular courses, early in the season, are likely to receive a quicker and more favourable response.

However, the point at which the rules are most clearly flouted, and where the system appears to be in greatest danger of collapse, is when the exam results are published in August and the desperate scramble for places ensues.

I would predict that a group of universities, recognising Ucas is either not working or not serving them well, or both, will declare their independence and set up their own admissions systems.

Careers advisers might not look forward to the time when students come to us with five separate university application forms, asking for a reference for each. But this situation already exists in the US. Here is a disturbing glimpse of how the British applications' system may look in the year 2005.

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Work experience is a lift-off to the future

David Charter looks at the results of a survey that reveals graduates' prospects for finding jobs

Unemployment rates of recent graduates vary widely depending on the subject they studied, despite a growing belief that course choice is a declining factor in employers' requirements.

It will come as little surprise that vocational first degrees have the lowest unemployment levels, although the figures also show graduates in "shortage" academic areas reap early rewards in the jobs market.

Of the major university subjects, law graduates are least likely to find themselves unemployed, followed by education students. But just 7.5 per cent of modern language students and 7.7 per cent of chemists were out of work six months after graduation, according to figures compiled for the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services.

In contrast, 12.5 per cent of art and design graduates and 11.7 per cent of sociology or social studies students were still unemployed.

The table of unemployment rates should be read with caution because graduates in some subjects, such as law, would expect to go on to further study to qualify as lawyers or barristers.

The highest rates of full-time employment recorded by the December after graduating came in education, at 86.3 per cent, then computing, at 77.5 per cent, followed by business and management graduates, 74.7 per cent, and electrical engineering students, 69.3 per cent.

Overall, more than 60 per cent of 1995 graduates were in full-time employment by the December after they left university. Around a fifth of these were on short-term contracts and one in 40 was self-employed.

About 10 per cent had by then started a higher degree and a further 10 per cent were in some other form of study or training. A total of 9.2 per cent were listed as unemployed. Figures in the table do not add up to 100 per cent because some graduates were in part-time work while seeking a permanent post or further training.

Bob Ward, statistical information manager at the Higher Education Careers Services Unit (CSU), said: "We are keen to stress that these figures are a snapshot, based on a survey six months after graduation, and give an idea of first steps along the career path.

"In terms of employability, the most important message seems to be to gain work experience while you are at college and show you are developing skills beyond the requirements of your course. This is as important to employers as your course content."

In a separate survey, Barclays found the highest-paid graduates from 1996 studied computer science. Six months after graduating they were earning an average of £15,175.

The Barclays survey of 1,500 graduates found the next highest paid were in law, on £14,626, then mathematics, £13,352. The average salary of those in employment by December after graduating was £12,697.

Those earning below the average included graduates in the creative arts (£11,739), social, economic and political studies (£11,440) and from biological sciences (£10,359).

Graduates are still far less likely to be unemployed than non-graduates. The latest unemployment rate for graduates of all ages is 4.2 per cent compared with 8.1 per cent for the population as a whole. Mr Ward said this had been linked to three traits of "graduateness": flexibility, the ability to innovate, and core skills such as communication and team-working. He added: "The model that is being built up is that, during the course of their career, graduates will move from employer to employer gaining different skills.

"There is a perceived demand for good-quality graduates in computing and IT, so new graduates in those subjects are more likely to find a job. But in terms of other subjects, there is a growing concept of lifelong learning, that you will never entirely leave the education system, and that, formally or informally, you will be topping up your skills."

Roly Cockman, chief executive of the Association of Graduate Recruiters, said: "My advice to any young person would be that if they aspire to go into a career that demands a specific vocational degree, such as veterinary science, medicine or engineering, then by all means do a degree based on that. But if you are not, then read a subject at university that you are interested in rather than something which you think will give you a better ticket for a job at the end of it."

- What Do Graduates Do?, *price £5.95, published by CSU, 4th floor, Armstrong House, Oxford Road, Manchester M1 7ED.*

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR GRADUATES

Percentage of 1995 graduates in work, further study or unemployed six months after graduation

Subject	Job	Study	Dole
Art and design	58.2	18.4	12.5
Sociology/Soc studies	61.8	18.7	11.7
Biological sciences	47.9	34.7	10.4
Business/managem'nt	74.4	7.9	10.4
English	49.7	32.5	10.2
Electrical engineering	69.3	17.0	10.3
Computing	77.5	8.2	10.4
History	52.5	30.7	9.8
Physics	42.1	43.0	9.6
Mathematics	53.4	33.7	8.3
Geography	56.7	25.5	8.1
Chemistry	43.2	44.6	7.7
Modern languages	61.9	24.1	7.5
Education	86.3	3.5	8.8
Law	24.3	65.7	5.2

Source: AGCAS

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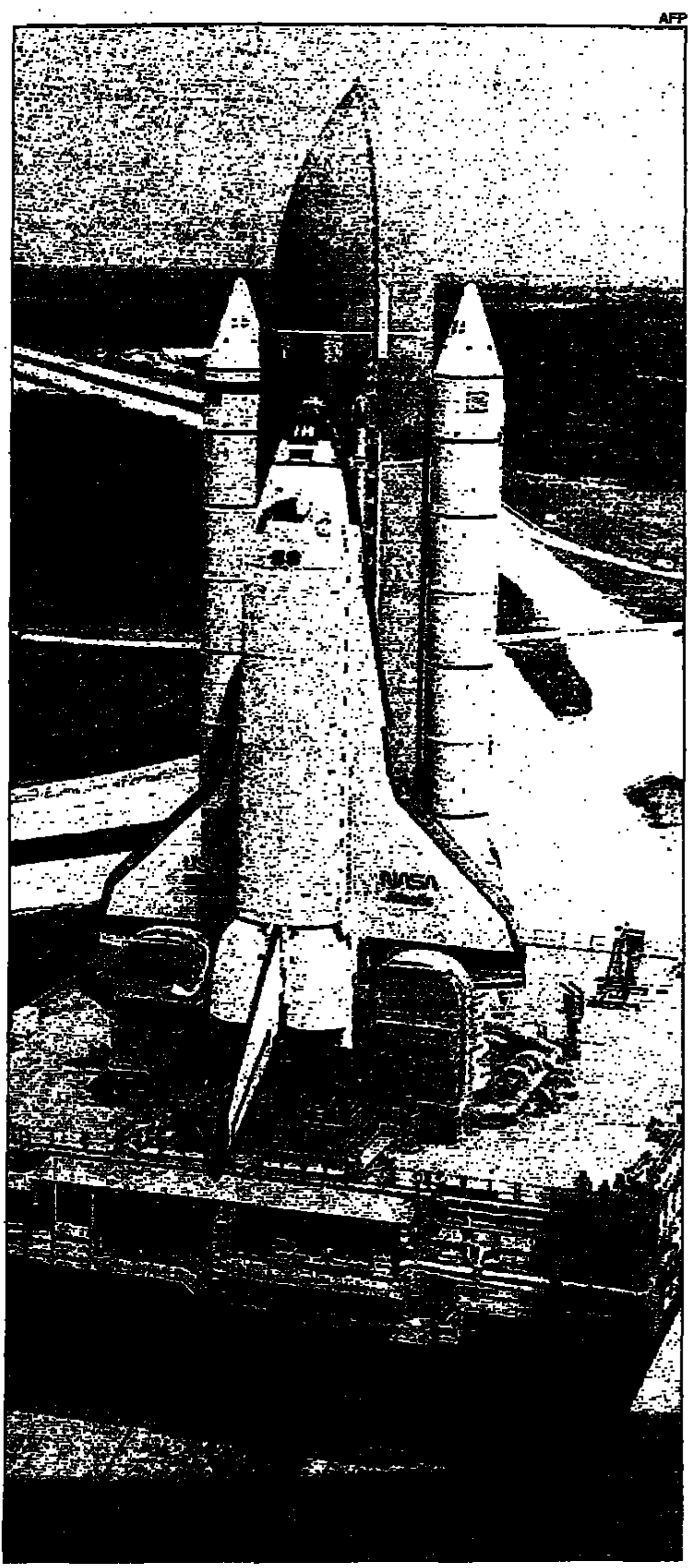

The space shuttle Atlantis: students were keen to work for Nasa

CAREER PLANNING

Students cannot start their career planning too early. That is the obvious conclusion to be drawn from research sponsored by *The Times* and published today.

Even at the 24 leading universities covered by the High Fliers survey, undergraduates drift into their final year without investigating the jobs market or even visiting their careers service. Many start their search only after the big companies have made their fast-track appointments.

Martin Birchall, who directed the survey, says: "Students don't seem to realise that they are missing out on the best jobs by leaving things so late. It may be tempting to concentrate on your degree and pick up a job later, but often that means narrowing your horizons."

Mr Birchall adds: "Companies' wish-lists of the qualities they would like to see in graduates include academic success and positions of responsibility, but they also look for work experience and a sense of direction. That means thinking long-term right from the start of a degree course."

On average, about half the students surveyed had seen a careers adviser by the end of their second year, but few followed up with approaches to employers. Only half made applications even during the main recruitment season.

Engineering attracted the most applicants this year, overtaking accountancy, last year's favourite career in the table. Only marketing came close to these two fields of employment, although general management and management consultancy were both popular.

There were significant differences between universities, however. At Aston, marketing had the largest number of applicants, and at Edinburgh, Sheffield and UMIST. At Bristol and Glasgow, law was the most popular, while at Cardiff it was teaching.

Use of the careers service varied widely, too. Although it was highly rated by those who used it, only 60 per cent had done so at Strathclyde University, compared with 88 per cent at Durham.

The survey suggests that students are realistic, if not pessimistic, about their likely destinations. For example, although the BBC was by far the most popular choice as the organisation students would like to work for, the corporation barely scraped into the top 30 employers thought to be offering graduates the best opportunities.

While self-employment and the Civil Service held attractions for many in the survey, others were content to dream: Nasa won a place in the top ten ideal destinations, even though few were likely to apply for a job there. With the United Nations, the European Commission and Greenpeace all featuring on the list, High Fliers concludes that the opportunity for international travel rates high among many students' priorities.

However, British companies were thought to offer the best opportunities. Marks and Spencer topped the list, followed by Procter & Gamble. London was the preferred destination of 40 per cent of students, followed by southeast England and the Midlands. Only the three Scottish universities strayed from the pattern, although every English university placed its own region next after the capital.

GRADUATES WITH JOB EXPECTATIONS

University	% expecting to start work
Aston	50
Imperial College, London	46
Loughborough	43
Bath	38
Oxford	32
Cambridge	31
Bristol	29
UMIST	29
Exeter	29
Glasgow	28
Nottingham	27
Durham	24
Manchester	23
Strathclyde	22
Sheffield	22
Southampton	21
Edinburgh	19
Liverpool	18
King's College London	18
University College London	17
Leeds	17
Cardiff	15

Source: High Fliers Research

Most students did not expect to stay long with their first employer anyway. Three to four years was the favourite estimate and 21 per cent anticipated a move within two years. Only 11 per cent expected to stay longer than six years.

Although the survey covers only those universities favoured by the large companies subscribing to High Fliers, its sample is large. More than 12,000 students were interviewed only two months ago, representing one final-year undergraduate in five on the campuses.

Such a limited range of universities is inevitably controversial, but although the big companies will take good applicants from any university, they tend to concentrate their efforts on perhaps a dozen, mainly the traditional variety.

JOHN O'LEARY

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David Bailey worked part-time for McDonald's during his studies while Joanna Brock joined after graduation

Beef up your job prospects

TERM-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Term-time jobs are the bane of modern student life, according to academics, who see the chances of a good degree diminishing with every shift. But opinion is changing as evidence mounts that temporary employment can sometimes be as influential as the degree itself in determining career prospects.

Employers are likely to favour the graduates they know from work placements and some, like Procter and Gamble, are now taking up to half of their intake this way. Careers advisers say that recruiters increasingly demand evidence from part-time employment of a commitment to their type of business. Usually, this means vacation work or, where available, sandwich courses that include placements. But some students find that a term-time job can set them on a career path.

David Bailey, who graduated from the University of East Anglia last year, followed his brother's example by working as a McDonald's crew member during vacations at home in London. The link led to a term-time job in Norwich and now a salaried post.

Mr Bailey says: "My only idea in the first place was to make some money while I was studying. In retrospect, it may have affected my work, but I was able to tailor the hours to the course. I think term-time and vacation work can be a good thing because you get the opportunity to see whether you enjoy the environment."

Having found that he did enjoy it, Mr Bailey discovered that the hamburger chain has a growing number of salaried posts for graduates. At the age of 21, less than a year after graduating, he is earning £17,500 and often finds himself in charge of 30 staff as a junior manager.

Joanna Brock, 22, a colleague at the restaurant in Leytonstone, northeast London, took the alternative route. After a string of temporary jobs while at Loughborough University, including delivering car spares and working as a lifeguard, she opted for McDonald's after graduating. "I didn't want an office job, but I did want management experience," she says. "Having studied PE and maths, I was looking for companies with good training and a prospect of early responsibility and, after seven months and one promotion, I have got both."

Most students take temporary work. The availability of part-time jobs is an important consideration for those choosing a college or university, and it will become more important still if the remaining student grants are abolished.

Many universities have bowed to the inevitable and opened their own employment agencies, preferring to exercise a measure of control over their students' activities, rather than adopting an attitude of disapproving detachment. At Sheffield University, for example, everything from lunch-time supervision in local schools to industrial cleaning goes through the highly popular agency run from the careers office.

Not surprisingly, there are wide variations between institutions in the number of students enjoying career-related work experience, with the technological universities offering most opportunities. More than 80 per cent of students at Bath, Aston and Loughborough universities had some work experience by the time they reached finals, according to the High Fliers survey. At Leeds and Strathclyde, by contrast, the proportion was 60 per cent.

The survey showed that much of the work done by students was casual employment and not necessarily related to future careers. Those who had secured structured work experience tended to clock up six or seven months' employment by the time they graduated, usually over two summer vacations.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4,759.60	**Allied Domecq**	458	+ 29½	6.6	13.5
282.50	Bulmer (HP)	535		3.2	15.9
33.80	Burn Stewart	57	- 1½	7.5	14.2
128.50	Glenmorangie A	945	- 30	1.6	25.7
17,362.10	**Grand Met**	568	+ 53	3.6	18.0
10,727.60	**Guinness†**	567	- 50½	3.5	16.2
439.90	Highland Dstl†	330	- 5	3.2	15.5
233.40	Matthew Clark	270½	+ ½	11.1	12.9
7.90	[illegible] W	72½	- 18	7.9	9.8
5,216.10	SA Breweries	1771½	- 59½	2.2	..

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
13,393.90	ABN-AMRO	4416¼	+ 25	2.6	18.2
13,530.90	**Abbey Nat**	981	+ 48	3.5	17.0
3,564.80	Alliance & Leic	612½	- 13½	3.3	15.0
3,075.30	Allied Irish	457	+ 15	3.9	
5,873.90	Aus New Z	394	- 13½	4.8	
29,856.50	Bank America	7321	+ 287½		
4,973.50	**Bank Scotland†**	415½	+ 1	2.5	12.9
19,506.30	**Barclays**	1286	- 30	3.1	13.0
3,385.30	Bk of Ireland	703½	+ 46	3.2	
35,873.80	Citicorp	7312¼	+ 312½		
6,944.90	Commerzbk	1718¼	- 12½	2.5	
25,534.50	Dai Ichi Kan Y	803½	+ 71¼	0.6	
17,737.90	Deutsche Bk	3546½	- 171¼	1.8	
400.10	Espirito Santo	1008¾	- 12½	3.3	
24,337.00	Fuji Bank Y	807½	- 64¼	0.6	
15,679.60	**HSBC**	1798	- 58½	2.9	15.6
31,105.42	HSBC Hk	1730	- 57	3.0	15.0
524.60	Irish Perm†	610	+ 24	2.6	
33,316.70	**Lloyds TSB**	621		2.7	20.1
12,700.00	Nat Aust Bk	849	- 23	5.0	11.2
13,771.70	**Nat West**	801½	- 1½	4.5	12.0
5,179.30	**Ryl Bk Scot**	631½	- 4	3.9	13.5
9,970.00	**Stand Chart†**	1000	- 16½	1.9	17.9
16,061.10	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	
6,099.20	Westpac	342½	- 14¼	4.6	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]279.90	**Bass**	816	- 1	3.8	16.1
17.10	[illegible]	52	- 1½	4.2	14.3
33.30	Burtonwood Brw	160	- 11½	4.4	14.4
154.30	City Centre Rest†	131		2.4	21.8
[illegible]108.60	Compass Gp	657½	- 12½	1.7	24.0
49.90	Eldridge P A	282½	+ 2	2.3	17.3
65.30	Fuller Sm A	472½	- 7½	2.5	15.7
1,460.30	Greenalls Grp	494	- 11	3.9	15.5
399.60	Greene King	660½	- 12	3.0	16.3
27.20	Grosvenor Inns	191½	- 8½	4.0	18.5
39.10	Groupe Chez Ger	262½	+ 2½	1.4	25.8
55.10	Hardy Hanson	275½	- 9	4.9	12.5
62.70	Holt J	2950		2.6	
50.60	Inn Business	86		3.0	
229.60	Mansfield	352½		2.2	16.2
251.10	Mitchell Butlr	277½	- 3	3.4	10.4
172.00	Morland	532½	- 3½	3.0	14.0
67.30	Old Eng Pub	283½	- 7	1.0	
3.39	Paramount	33½	- 1½		
425.70	PizzaExpress	648½	- 10	0.5	42.3
36.00	Ramsdens (H)	387½		1.6	36.6
292.00	Regent Inns	328½	+ 1	1.0	31.4
4,337.50	**Scot & New**	703	+ 11	3.6	21.3
386.50	Vaux Group	274	+ 6	4.8	13.0
452.90	Wetherspoon JD†	1190	+ 16	1.0	26.6
3,896.70	**Whitbread**	795½	+ 1	3.8	16.0
445.50	Wolverhamptn D	661	+ 1	3.2	14.5
205.30	Yates Bros	489	+ 3½	1.0	31.7
16.60	Young 'A'	542½	+ 5	3.0	25.6

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,700.10	Electrocomponts	399	..	2.2	24.2
83.10	Eurodis Elec	131½	+ 1½	4.4	20.2
45.70	European Mtr	85	- 1½	7.8	8.7
75.40	Evans Halshaw	235		8.3	
6.51	Fife Indmar	42	- ½	9.8	8.4
273.40	Firstfel Grp	340½		2.4	17.6
30.00	Gardner	27½	...	4.3	10.6
19.90	Glenchewton	88	- 1	3.6	12.8
9.35	Gowrings†	105	- 1½	3.6	23.9
22.90	HR Owen	14	- 1	5.9	12.7
27.60	Hanleit	92½	- 4	6.2	8.6
36.90	Harris (Philip)	342½		4.5	14.8
191.90	Headlam	313½		2.3	20.4
5.90	Holders Tech†	147½		5.5	13.5
95.10	ISA Intl†	232½	- 2½	1.5	18.8
1,570.80	Inchcape†	297	- 10	4.4	18.2
6.75	Jacks (Wm)	62½		4.6	9.9
443.90	Kwik-Fit	351½	+ 6	2.6	18.1
418.20	Lex Service	367½	+ 8	5.4	12.1
24.40	Lookers	103		9.7	6.9
64.00	Middlesex	8	- ¼	1.2	12.2
15.10	Midsummer	28½	- 1½	2.1	
22.86	Norbain	217	- 5	4.6	6.0
50.80	Northamber	149	- 5	1.2	8.9
249.90	Pacco▼	345½	+ 13	2.9	18.1
140.30	Pendragon	362½		3.4	16.7
49.70	Perry Gp	194	- 2½	6.0	8.9
1,260.60	Premier Farnell†	477½	+ 3	3.2	17.4
33.10	Quicks Group†	142½	- 8½	6.1	9.7
30.80	REA	338	- 12	1.5	41.2
3.54	Reece	2			25.3
16.60	Ronson	18½		10.1	6.4
4.80	Ross Gp	3½			
36.80	Ryland	94½	- ½	5.3	16.9
25.20	SEP Ind	28	- 2	7.9	7.5
14.40	Saltire	55½	- 1½	2.8	
197.80	Time Products	365	- 32½	4.2	
34.30	UNIECO	298		2.0	21.4
91.90	United Overs Gp	77	+ 1½		16.7
178.00	Vardy (Reg)	314½	- 12	2.7	13.8
98.50	WF Elect	675	+ 40	2.5	24.5
29.50	Wilshaw	31½	- 3	3.4	9.3
92.70	Wyko	142	+ 1½	3.3	16.6
31.60	Young (H)	142½	- 8	3.7	12.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
619.30	Antofagasta	394	+ 2	1.7	
230.30	Ascot Hldgs	273	- 12½	2.4	
17,563.80	Broken Hill	884	+ 18½	2.7	20.4
8,995.60	BTR†	222½	- 8	5.4	9.6
17,372.50	BAT†	539½	- 23	5.8	12.0
294.60	Bibby (J)	188½		3.6	10.1
1,515.40	Brierley Inv	56¼	+ ½	8.3	9.3
787.00	Charter†	821½	- 3½	4.5	11.6
1,579.20	Cookson†	230	+ 8	4.7	14.4
26.40	Cosalt	215	+ 4½	6.1	9.1
279.50	DCC	540	+ 27½	3.0	
154.70	Grampian Hdg	138½	+ 1	5.7	
742.20	Hanson Grsfd†	104	- 2½	10.8	9.9
17,665.00	Hutch Whamp	488½	- 16½	2.1	20.3
2,125.70	**Imperial Tobacco**	408	- ½	6.2	8.0
2,775.40	Jardine Matht	386¼	- 24½	4.0	
1,063.90	Lonrho	136	- ½	4.4	12.2
95.80	McLeod Russel	153½	- 3	5.5	12.5
379.30	Powell Duffryn	440	- ½	7.1	17.3
33.90	Rosmer	145		2.0	
190.00	Staveley	163½	- 5½	7.0	11.7
4,296.40	Swire Pacific	494	- 11½	2.6	18.3
584.90	TT Group†	355½	+ 1	2.7	15.6
3,280.30	**Tomkins**	274½	+ 2½	4.7	13.7
32.60	Unidare	187½		10.6	7.9
111.40	Wardle Storeys†	435	- 2	5.6	16.2
667.60	Wassall	342	+ 5½	2.2	21.0
56.90	Whitecroft	138½	- 12½	4.9	10.3
2,601.70	Williams Hldg†	313½	+ 2	6.0	13.2

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
73.20	Simon Eng	46½		..	..
81.10	Six Hundred	147	- 4½	4.0	2.9
2,319.50	Smiths Indst	780½	- 9	2.8	18.5
562.40	Spirax-Sarco†	711	+ 19½	2.6	18.7
79.00	Sterling Ind	260	- 2½	4.3	13.1
2,554.30	TI†	535½	- 20	3.4	17.8
17.40	Tinsley (E)	106½		6.9	11.0
167.50	TransTec	100½	- 7	3.0	
112.80	Triplex Lloyd	171½	+ 1	5.1	9.7
61.80	Unicorn Intl	162½		4.9	9.6
32.00	Utd Inds	71½	- 2	4.3	20.2
721.20	Vickers	214	+ ½	4.2	12.8

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
213.50	Edin Dragon	79	- 2½	..	..
24.10	Edinburgh Inca	29¾	- ½		
1,145.80	Edinburgh IT	390	+ 4½	3.3	33.8
44.80	Edin Japan	130¾	+ 5½	..	...
830.00	Electra Inv	479½	+ 4½	2.2	44.9
93.80	English Nat	226	+ 16	0.2	..
251.30	Eng & Scot	153½	+ 1½	2.4	39.9
98.50	European Assd	395	+ 6½	1.3	...
104.00	Fidelity Asian Val	101¾	+ ½	..	
148.50	Fidlty Euro Val	260	+ 2½	0.2	
48.20	Fidlty Jap Val	45¾	+ 2	0.3	..
48.90	Fidlty Spec Val	133	- ½		

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
12.50	Murray S/C Cap	223½	+ 10	..	..
5.24	Murray S/C Inc	65½		23.4	5.7
1.94	Murray S/C Uts	3750		3.9	
254.70	Murray Small	454	+ 7½	1.4	67.1
97.40	Murray Ventf	394½	+ 1½	4.7	22.1
1.99	Newmarket	5½		..	..
159.30	O'seas Inv Tst	418	+ 4	1.1	
3.91	O'seas Wts	218	+ 5½		
126.80	Pacific Assets	97¾	- 5	0.5	..
191.60	Perp Inc Gth	111	+ 4	4.2	...
18.80	Perpetual Jap	51½	+ 3¾	...	
45.40	Perp Uk Sm Co	324	- 1½	3.7	28.0

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
162.10	GGT Group	232½	+ 1	3.2	18.3
193.80	GWR Gp	176	- 16½	1.8	30.5
54.60	Gearhouse Group	354½		2.2	17.7
12.70	Goodhead	31½		1.0	19.2
92.90	Grampian	281½		3.3	...
270.80	HTV Group†	306	+ 2½	1.7	36.8
15.70	Haynes Pub	237½	- 2½	5.7	10.9
14.00	Highbury Hse	15½	- 1		
74.30	Hodder H'Stont	210½	- 2½	3.9	15.9
27.30	Home Counties	272	+ 19½	2.5	57.0
149.90	IBC†	380	+ 13½	3.1	13.7
37.20	Incepta	22	- 1		14.9

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
48.60	INVESCO Tokyo	43½	+ 1½		
27.30	J Fry 2nd U	94	+ 2½	10.1	12.5
10.50	J Fry Euro U	98¾	+ 1	5.6	15.8
93.80	JF Fledg Jap	149	+ 5½	.	...
36.80	Jupiter Eu Inc†	99	+ ½	9.9	9.8
0.60	Jupiter Eu Inc Wt	10		...	...
11.30	Jupiter Grd Cap	80½	+ ½	12.1	10.3
12.90	Jupiter Grd Pfd	37	+ ½	..	..
32.30	Jupiter Ind Gth	128½		3.8	.
266.30	Klnwt Chrt	353½	+ 13½	2.1	52.7
30.80	Klnwt E Mkt	109	- 4		
48.80	Klnwt End	162½	+ 1	..	.

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
57.60	Kunick	24¼	...	3.5	16.2
2,919.90	Ladbroke†	248½	+ 8½	3.1	27.4
550.80	London Clubs	389	- 1	2.5	25.7
104.00	Macdonald Hts	177½	- 1	2.8	18.3
411.50	Man Utd	834	+ 29	1.1	28.9
502.00	Mandarin Ornt†	71½	- 2¼	5.4	.
552.40	Millennium & Cop	382	+ 2½	1.5	16.1
143.60	Northern†	253½	+ 5	2.5	23.5
14.20	Pharos Leisure	167½	+ 7	4.6	9.0
33.10	Queensborough†	32½	...	1.2	12.7
59.90	Queens Moat	15½	- ½	..	10.3
3,749.80	Rank Grp	448	+ 9	4.7	35.6

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27.90	Klnwt H Inc	92½	+ 3½	13.4	9.8
249.60	Klnwt O'seas	310	+ 4½	1.6	59.5
24.20	Klnwt Smlr†	183½		2.5	49.0
97.70	Korea—Euro	277¼	- 3	0.4	
120.10	Latin American	133½	- 1½		..
237.50	Law Debenture	1023½	+ 44	3.1	31.0
34.60	Ldn Gtf Opp	105¾	+ ½		
32.00	Lloyds Sm Cap	130½			.
5.27	Lloyds Sm Dev	21½	+ ½	21.9	5.3
37.30	Lloyds Sm Pkg	152		3.4	
54.30	Lon St Lawrence†	165½	+ 2	4.7	26.6
73.90	Lowland†	312	+ 5½	4.5	24.2
71.00	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	710	- 25	.	.

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
29.80	Ryan Hotels £†	45½	+ 1½	5.2	.
417.60	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	1480	+ 35	1.5	
57.10	Sinclair (Wm)	252½	- 3	4.1	14.4
28.80	Southampton	106	+ 1½	1.2	
740.00	Stakis	97	- 3	2.8	15.9
332.80	Stanley Leisure	302½	+ 7½	1.5	30.1
7.29	Tandem	7¼	- ½		
1,300.10	Tanjong	346		1.4	22.7
1,039.80	Thistle Hotels†	168½	+ 3	2.7	16.5
109.70	Tottenham Hot	109	- 1	0.8	18.7
21.90	Toy Options	104½	- 5½	4.2	8.5
97.40	VCI†	250½	- 7	3.9	12.7
150.80	Vardon	115	- 7½	2.1	16.5

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TODAY

Interims: Aberdeen Asset Management, Countryside Properties, Greenalls Group, RM. **Finals:** British Airways, BTG, Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust, Independent Parts, Silk Industries. **Economic statistics:** UK PSBR (April), US Treasury auction of short-term T-bills

TOMORROW

Interims: Abtrust Polar, Countryside Properties, Eldridge Pope & Co, Hozelock Group, Morgan Grenfell Equity Inc, Royal & SunAlliance (Q1). **Finals:** Jarvis Porter, Marks & Spencer, Videologic. **Economic statistics:** UK motor vehicle production (April), Bank of England gilts auction, Spanish industrial output (March), US Fed Open Market Committee meeting.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Bass, Carlton Communications, Fenner, P&O (Q1), H Young Holdings. **Finals:** Blacks Leisure Group, Courtaulds, Chamberlin & Hill, Hoare Govett 1000, Hoare Govett Smaller, Land Securities, Merchant Retail, Mercury European Privatisation Trust, National Power. **Economic statistics:** UK provisional M4 money supply (April), UK final M0 money supply (April), UK Building Societies Association monthly figures, UK British Bankers Association monthly figures, *minutes of April 10 UK* monetary meeting, US trade deficit (March), US Treasury April Budget statement, OECD report on the Republic of Ireland.

THURSDAY

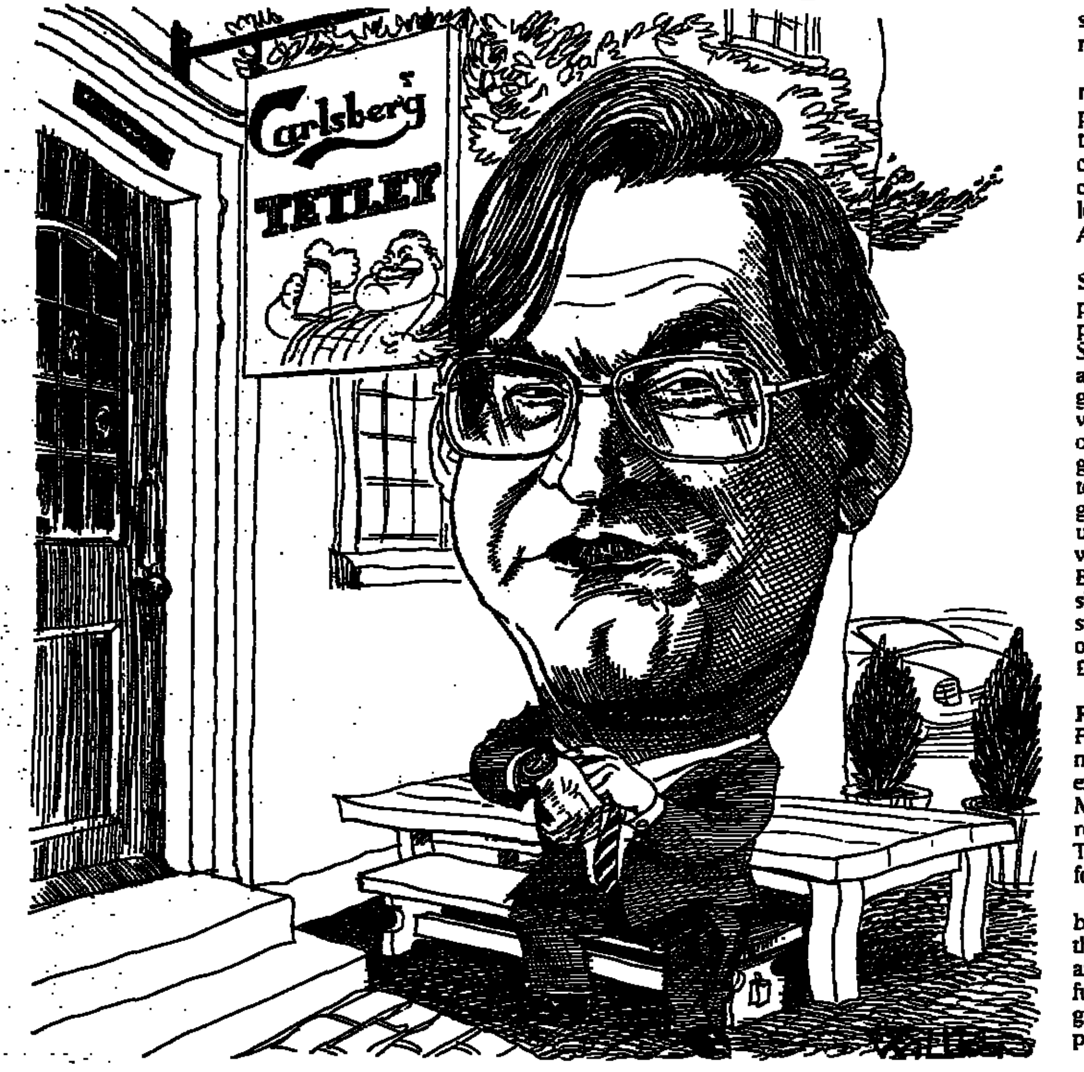
Interims: Acatos & Hutcheson, Brooke Industrial, Vaux Group. **Finals:** Celsis Int, City Of London PR, Glenmorangie, PowerGen, Southnews, Storehouse, York Waterworks. **Economic statistics:** UK April retail sales, UK provisional GDP (Q1), CBI May economic forecast/industrial trends survey.

FRIDAY

Interims: Euromoney Publications. **Finals:** Castings, Essex Furniture. **Economic statistics:** none scheduled.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Twist in tale at buoyant Bass



Sir Ian Prosser, chairman of Bass, awaits approval to buy Allied Domecq's Carlsberg-Tetley stake

BASS: The drinks, hotels and leisure group, is expected to report pre-tax profits of between £310 million and £333 million for the six months to March 31 on Wednesday, compared with £289 million at the same time last year. A rise in the interim dividend to about 8.3p (7.7p) is predicted.

A trading statement released in February reflected a generally disappointing Christmas period, in line with comments made by other leading brewers, while the slowdown in growth in the Holiday Inns division will be exacerbated by the strength of sterling against the dollar. The US accounts for about 80 per cent of Holiday Inns operating profits.

Overshadowing the results is the continuing delay over Bass's proposed £205 million acquisition of Allied Domecq's 50 per cent stake in Carlsberg-Tetley. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has already passed its recommendations to the Department of Trade and Industry but with the change of government, the whole process may now be delayed further. *The deal may* result in 2,000 job losses in the Burton constituency newly won by Labour.

On top of this, Bass is under fire for making Hooch, the coutry's leading alcopop.

MARKS & SPENCER: A leap in pre-tax profit to more than £1.1 billion is expected when results for the year to March 31 are announced tomorrow. This compares with £997 million last year. Volume growth is expected to have continued at an exceptional level, except in children's wear which is causing all retailers some difficulties.

Food sales, which are suffering the effects of price deflation, are expected to be less impressive. The investment in improved service, announced at the half year, is expected to mean costs have risen roughly in line with sales.

BRITISH AIRWAYS: BA is facing threats of industrial action by cabin crew and questions about the planned alliance with American Airlines. These may overshadow today's full-year results from the nation's flag carrier. BA is expected to deliver a progress report on the Step Change programme, aimed at saving £1 billion in costs, and is likely to urge speedy approval of BA-American, pointing to the rival Star Alliance between Lufthansa, SAS, United Airlines and others. The City is looking for pre-tax profits of £620 million plus, against £585 million last time, with Merrill Lynch forecasting earnings of 47.3p a share, with the payout up 8 per cent to 14.7p.

NATIONAL POWER: As with PowerGen, National Power will find that signs of further resistance to the windfall tax will be looked for when the country's two largest generators report year-end results. The City has factored in large hits for both but would welcome hints that they will take legal action against a levy.

With electricity consumption having unexpectedly grown since last year, the home market for the two generators should provide a sturdy if unremarkable performance. More attention will focus on their overseas interests — an increasingly important field because they have relatively little scope for growing their UK business.

Overseas power projects can take a long time to deliver results, but analysts will be keen to see signs of strength to ameliorate concerns that some countries offer unstable prospects. They will be particulary interested in developments at National Power's Hub River project in Pakistan and Hazlewood, its Australian plant. National Power raised eyebrows with the price it paid for Hazlewood in the privatisation of the station.

POWERGEN: PowerGen recently led analysts towards a £530 million to £585 million range of forecasts for its year-end results in a pre-closed-season briefing note. Then it also indicated that its own Australian plant was expected to deliver a loss for the year.

COURTAULDS: The chemicals group is expected to announce a modest advance in full-year pre-tax profits on Wednesday, with the rampant pound and sickly viscose market casting a shadow over the results.

Analysts' forecasts for pre-tax profit are in a narrow range of between £132 million and £136 million, compared with £131.5 million in the year to March 1996. The dividend is expected to rise to between 16.4p and 16.5p from 16.05p previously.

The strength of the pound will act as a significant restraint. Some 85 per cent of the group's sales are outside Britain. In February, Courtaulds said the strength of sterling and the sale of four non-core operations last year would blunt the impact of trading improvements at most of its core businesses, which include industrial coatings and sealants and consumer packaging.

The second drag on progress continues to be viscose, where profits and prices have been hit by global overcapacity and declining demand. The company has indicated that there are some signs of recovery in viscose, but nothing to get elated about.

Analysts will be watching for reassurance that the group's plans to introduce new production capacity for its highly successful new fibre *Tencel* are on course. An announcement of the location of new Tencel capacity in Asia is expected this year.

STOREHOUSE: The share price has been hit by rumours of problems at Mothercare during *Storehouse's closed season and* analysts fully expect to downgrade next year's forecasts again when its final 1996 results appear on Thursday. Like-for-like sales growth at Mothercare is expected to be down 2.4 per cent, with costs growing and the gross margin under pressure. Current sales will also be closely watched at Bhs, which is at least expected to show some growth. The consensus forecast is for a pre-tax profit of about £118 million, up nearly £10 million on a year ago.

ROYAL & SUNALLIANCE: Pre-tax profits of between £186 million and £200 million are expected for the three months to March when the first-quarter results are announced tomorrow. This compares with £157 million for the same period a year ago.

The main focus of attention will be *the* level of progress made with the integration of Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance, and any further announcements the group may make regarding its proposed 5 per cent buyback.

GREENALLS GROUP: Interim pre-exceptional profits of between £63 million and £65 million (£57 million) a year ago, are expected. A rise in the interim dividend to between 6.65p and 6.8p a share (6.22p) is also expected.

Today's figures will be the first since the group introduced its new divisional structure, which has seen the amalgamation of its food-led outlets with managed pubs and the conversion of 245 managed houses to tenancies.

Managed houses and restaurants now account for more than half of group profits and with the inclusion this time of Premier Lodges and Premier House analysts are expecting the inns division to show a marked improvement in profitability.

Nick Lyall, of SocGen, the broker, expects the reorganisation to add about £10.4 million to divisional operating profits, which should reach £42 million and include a first full interim contribution from Boddingtons, bought for £600 million.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Keep an eye on the Fed

The new Chancellor is due to speak at the CBI dinner tomorrow. His audience will strain for any hint of *higher* taxes in the forthcoming Budget, beyond those on utilities. After today's holiday on the Continent, however, attention is likely to stray across the Atlantic, where the US Federal Reserve Board's open market committee meets to mull over US short-term interest rates. Opinions are divided between those who expect the Fed *to adopt a wait-and-see* stance, giving the US economy a chance to slow down before summer, and those who expect a quarter-point rise in rates to help it on its way.

The outcome will be too late to guide tomorrow morning's auction of £1.5 billion plus short-dated gilt-edged stock. From a domestic viewpoint, Thursday's similarly sized auction of long-dated stock could be more significant. It will allow the debt market to give a more considered verdict on the impact on the implication of Gordon Brown's handover of interest rate powers to a Bank of England committee.

Among the week's gaggle of UK economic statistics, greatest scrutiny will be applied to April retail sales trends, due *to be unveiled* on Thursday. Was the "feel-good" factor accelerating in Britain's high streets before the election and were windfall gains from demutualisation beginning to swell consumer demand? Median forecast of those collated by Standard & Poor's MMS is for a 0.3 per cent rise on the month, nudging the annual rise up to 4.1 *per cent*, but several, including Charterhouse Tilney, Nomura and S&P itself, expect a little more. Yamaichi's John Shepperd goes for a 0.8 per cent rise in April on the back of windfalls. Also on Thursday, the CBI's industrial trends survey will monitor the effect of sterling's strength.

Bank of England officials, who have been giving more attention to burgeoning growth in the money supply, will doubtless pounce on any acceleration in M4, the wide measure, revealed by April figures on Wednesday. Median forecast is for a 0.8 per cent rise on the month, boosting 12-month growth from 11.2 to 11.4 per cent, against a monitoring range of 3-9 per cent.

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

SUNDAY TIPS

Independent on Sunday: *Buy* Allied Leisure, Torex Group; *Sell* De La Rue. **The Mail on Sunday:** *Buy* Easynet, Inn Business; *Sell* Mercury Asset Management. **The Observer:** *Buy* Updown Investment; *Sell* BTR. **The Sunday Telegraph:** *Buy* Aggregate Industries, Marks & Spencer, Safeland; *Take Profits* Independent Inns. **The Sunday Times:** *Buy* Aquarius Group, Premier Farnell, Weir Group.

Colonial windfall for UK investors

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE
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ABOUT 35,000 UK policyholders with Colonial, the Australian life assurer, should *see an instant average profit of* £250 when the group joins the Australian stock exchange today. Strong institutional demand for the shares has made the float one of Australia's most oversubscribed.

Peter Smedley, managing director, said yesterday that the shares would be listed on the market at the final institutional price of A$3.10 (£1.55), 50 cents above the A$2.60 *price* at which they were distributed to Colonial policyholders under demutualisation last year. The company had expected institutions to bid in the range A$2.50 to A$2.90. Mr Smedley said: "Vigorous bidding in the institutional stage of the offer has helped push up this price."

The higher listing price means that policyholders who received the average 1,000 *shares* in Colonial's A$1.3 billion share distribution have already seen their value rise from A$2.600 to A$3.100.

About half of Colonial's 35,000 policyholders in the UK took shares rather than sell them before the listing. Mr Smedley said policyholders who had chosen to sell will receive a cheque at the end of the month, with the price expected to be midway between the retail and institutional price, at A$2.85.

The float will raise A$200 million in new equity for Colonial to buy Jardine Pacific's half share of Jardine CMB Life, Colonial's Asian business.

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Trust to offer protection to Lloyd's names

A £30 million investment trust that seeks to give Lloyd's of London names the best of both worlds is to make its stock market debut (Jon Ashworth writes).

The Conversion Investment Trust, aimed primarily at names on the books of LRG Cater Allen, the Lloyd's members' agent, allows individuals to swap assets at Lloyd's for shares, to protect them from the negative aspects of unlimited liability. It claims to be the first hybrid vehicle of its kind. Eligible names will be able to underwrite at Lloyd's with limited liability from next January.

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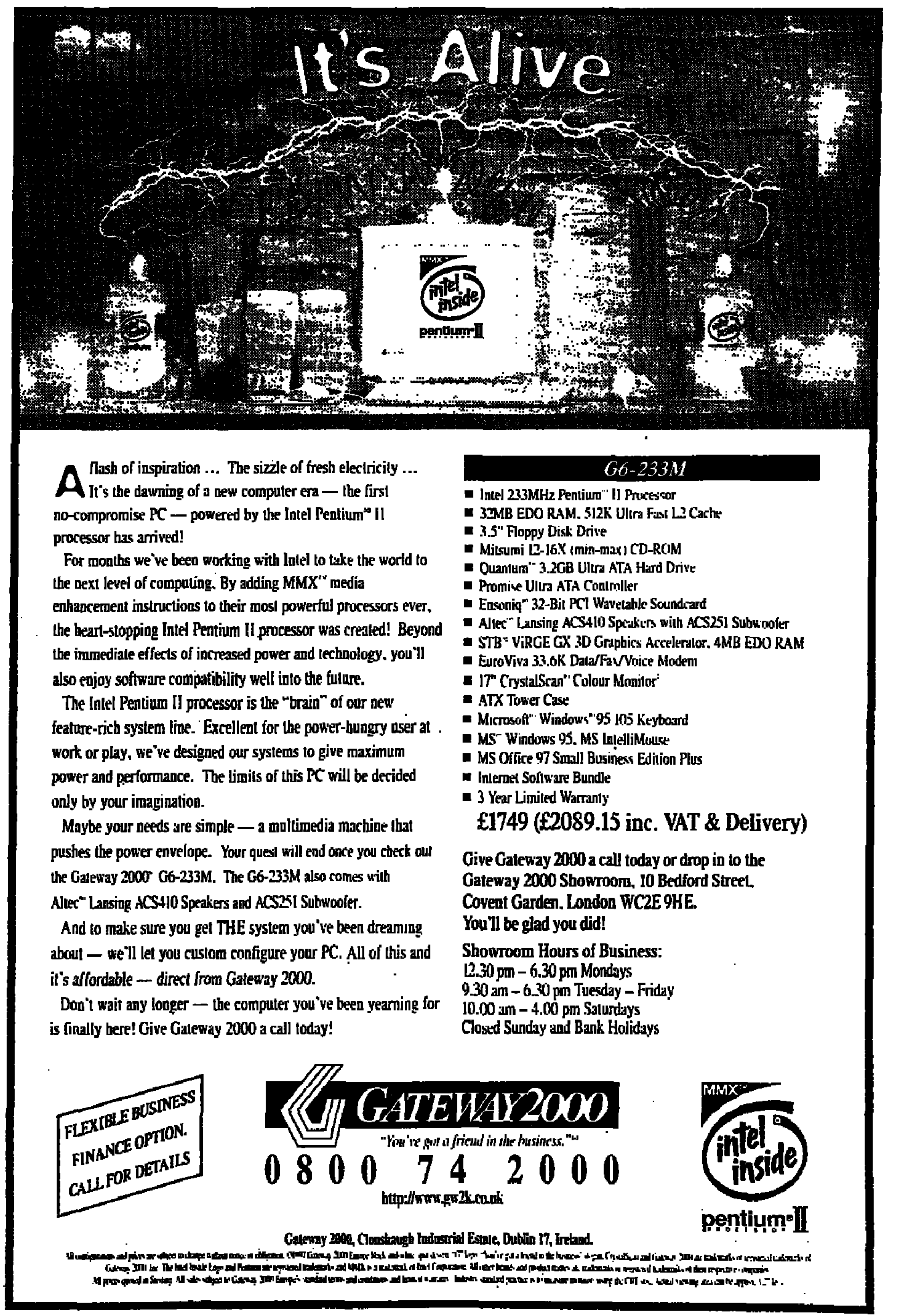

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Anne Ashworth and **Nathan Yates** on one of the loopholes in Labour's sights

Brown may brush away tax break on art heirlooms

A valuable concession that enables the wealthy to hand down works of art to their heirs tax-free is a likely target for abolition or change in *Gordon Brown's first Budget.*

The removal of the heritage property tax break would fulfil the Chancellor's pledge to close *inheritance* tax loopholes. Labour has already voiced concern at the abuse of the concession.

Inheritance tax at the rate of 40 *per cent* is payable on all estates of £215,000 or more. But, in the case of art or objects of scientific interest, owners *can avoid* the tax by placing their possessions on the Inland Revenue's register of conditionally exempt works. The aim is *to prevent* families from being forced to sell artistic treasures. But in return for the exemption, the public must be allowed access. In practice, this is not always easy, as appointments must be made, often through solicitors. If Mr Brown does not remove the loophole, it is thought that he could compel owners to make their Gainsboroughs more readily available to the public gaze.

John Whiting, of Price Waterhouse, the accountant, said: "It is clear that, in some cases, the public is not getting as much access as would be desirable. Rather than abolish the relief, the Chancellor should ensure proper access."

Those who believe that easier access should be Mr Brown's preferred option point to the comparatively small amount of money that would be raised by abolition. In 1993-94, the last year for which figures are available, £122 million of works qualified for exemption from tax, costing the Exchequer some £49 million in lost revenues. The recent strengthening of the art market would suggest that later years have seen the total value of tax-free bequests rise, possibly losing the Exchequer some £60 million a year.

In recent weeks, accountants have been perusing the conditionally exempt register, which now appears on the Inland Revenue Internet site (http://www.cto.eds.co.uk.) checking which families could bear the brunt of any tax change.

The 18,000 items listed would fill several galleries. Among the paintings and sketches are two drawings by Leonardo da Vinci, one located in Clwyd and the other in Derbyshire. A Hampshire resident holds two portraits by Renoir, and there are also works by Durer, Titian, Rubens, Van Dyck, Manet and Picasso. Under furniture, there are no fewer than 65 pieces of Chippendale. There are silverwork items by de Lamerie and clocks by Tompoin.

Famous British artists feature *prominently*, with 46 Gainsboroughs, seven of which are owned by an individual in Norfolk. There are 18 Constables *and six* Turners, *including* a painting of Christ Church, Oxford, which is held by Farrer & Co, the Queen's lawyers. *Works by Hogarth, Reynolds,* Stubbs, Moore and Hepworth make up a formidable list of home-grown talent.

Under the books and manuscripts register there is a 1608 edition of Shakespeare's *Henry V* located in Lancashire. One of the more unusual literary relics is an oak frame containing four locks of Lord Byron's hair.

In order to be listed as exempt from tax and included in the register, works must be judged as worthy of display by a panel of experts.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *37*

HALACOR

(c) "One of the lowest and vilest class in Persia, India, etc", to whom everything is lawful food. From the Arabic and Persian for a thing religiously lawful or indifferent. Robert Burns, letter 1786: "Those misguided few who joined, to use a Gentoo phrase, the halacors of the human race."

JETTAGE

(b) Dues levied on vessels for the use of jetty or pier (as at Hull). After *wharfage, cranage* and all the other old harbour perks and fiddles. "Freemen as well as non-freemen pay Jettage. The charge for Jettage is not made unless with goods landed or taken in at Hull or within the Harbour."

KENSPECKLE

(a) Easily recognisable, conspicuous. Scottish and Northern dialect. Probably from the Old Norse *kennispeki* the faculty of recognition. Darwin, letter of 1862: "Your notion of the Aristocrat being kenspeckle is new to me."

INFUNDIBULAR

(c) Funnel-shaped, infundibuliform. Having a funnel. From the Latin for a funnel, Latin *infundere* to pour. "The uterus itself is infundibular in its shape."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qxf4! Bxf4 2 Rxh5! gxh5 3 Rxh5 and mate inevitably follows along the h-file.

Andy Warhol was one of the artists featured in the Christie's spring auction in New York

Christie's claims spring triumph over Sotheby's

Christie's has claimed vitory over Sotheby's in the important spring art auctions, setting a strong *tone for the* art market for the rest of the year. The success comes against a background of sharply rising prices, with *buyers* prepared to pay staggering sums for Impressionist and modern paintings.

In a week that saw more than $350 million worth of art sold in New York by the rival auction houses, Christie's proved to have attracted the bigger clients. It launched the week with the sale of the collection of John Loeb, the late Wall Street financier, which brought in $92.7 million, at the top end of expectations.

Christie's total sales for the *week totalled $265 million* — the highest since 1990 — emphasising the strength of the buying interest. It included *the sale of Impressionists,* which raised $234.5 million. Sotheby's achieved less than half of Christie's total, with *$122.5 million* in sales for the week.

"The prices were very strong this time," said Franck Giraud, head of Christie's Impressionist department. "But we were also helped by the outstanding quality of the pictures we were selling. This is very positive for the rest of the year." Christie's said the market among collectors was broadening worldwide as economic conditions improved.

Many pictures in last week's sale went for more *than their top asking price,* according to both auction houses. Christie's sold *Jeune femme se baignant* by Auguste Renoir for $12.4 million compared with an asking price of $8 million. A Gauguin sold for twice its expected price, while modern works by Mark Rothko, Willem de Kooning and Andy Warhol, whose *Big Torn Campbell's Soup Can (Pepper Pot)* featured, also sold for more than their highest estimated price.

Several records were set in prices for individual artists. Sotheby's sold a Klimt for a record $14.7 million. Toulouse-Lautrec's *Seated dancer with pink stockings* went for $14.5 million, also a record.

RICHARD THOMSON

Investors need to proceed with caution

After the recent sharp gilt rally, the absolute level of gilt yields is unlikely to drop much further in the next three months. Nevertheless, while gilt returns may be modest, gilts should still outperform most other leading bond markets. With bund yields expected to face upward pressure from faster German growth, the gilt-bund spread will probably fall to about 100 basis points over the next year.

The yield curve is now flat, with a spread of just 0.2 per cent between 20-year gilt yields and the interest rate level implied by December 1997 short sterling futures. A significant further drop in long yields would require growth to slow sufficiently to avoid further base rate rises, or the curve to invert. Neither outcome seems likely. Base rates are likely to rise to 6.75 per cent in the next few months. Last week's *Inflation Report* made it clear that the newly independent Bank sees risks that *inflation will be above the 2.5 per* cent target in two years' time. The chances seem low that the upcoming mini-*budget will hit consumers* enough to eliminate all pressure for higher base rates. Big consumer tax rises, say of £5 billion or more, would look like a breach of the pre-election theme of "trust".

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At the same time, the current conditions do *not* point to an inverted yield curve. The curve usually only inverts when real short rates are high (as in the mid-1980s), or short rates have risen sharply (as in the late 1980s), or when growth is slowing to a subtrend pace (as in 1990). Base rates of about 6.75 per cent are not high enough to push the economy into recession and hence allow a subsequent period of falling rates. The prospect that fiscal policy will be tightened a bit further does not really justify an inverted curve. Rather, this is a reason why the absolute level of base rates and gilt yields should stay fairly low for the next few years. The odds are against a rerun of the late 1980s budget surpluses. The chances are that once the budget deficit is fairly low, and in line with Mr Brown's golden rule target (about 1 per cent of GDP), then fiscal policy will shift back to neutral before the next election.

External factors also seem unhelpful. German bond yields are likely to be pushed up by faster growth and uncertainties about inflation performance after EMU. Unless sterling falls sharply, then GDP growth and inflation (using the EU harmonised series) in Germany will probably match or exceed the UK pace next year. Thus, although the UK-German three-month spread is likely to rise further *in the near term,* it will fall markedly in the next few years, with rising German short rates but stable UK rates.

At the same time, US bonds could be undermined by evidence that the economy's underlying trend remains solid, despite softer second-quarter growth. We expect Fed funds to rise by a further one point over the next year in order to slow the US economy sufficiently to avoid a further deterioration in capacity strains. Low UK inflation readings later this year should allow gilts to escape the worst of any overseas shakeout, but gilt investors should position themselves for a more cautious outlook.

MICHAEL SAUNDERS
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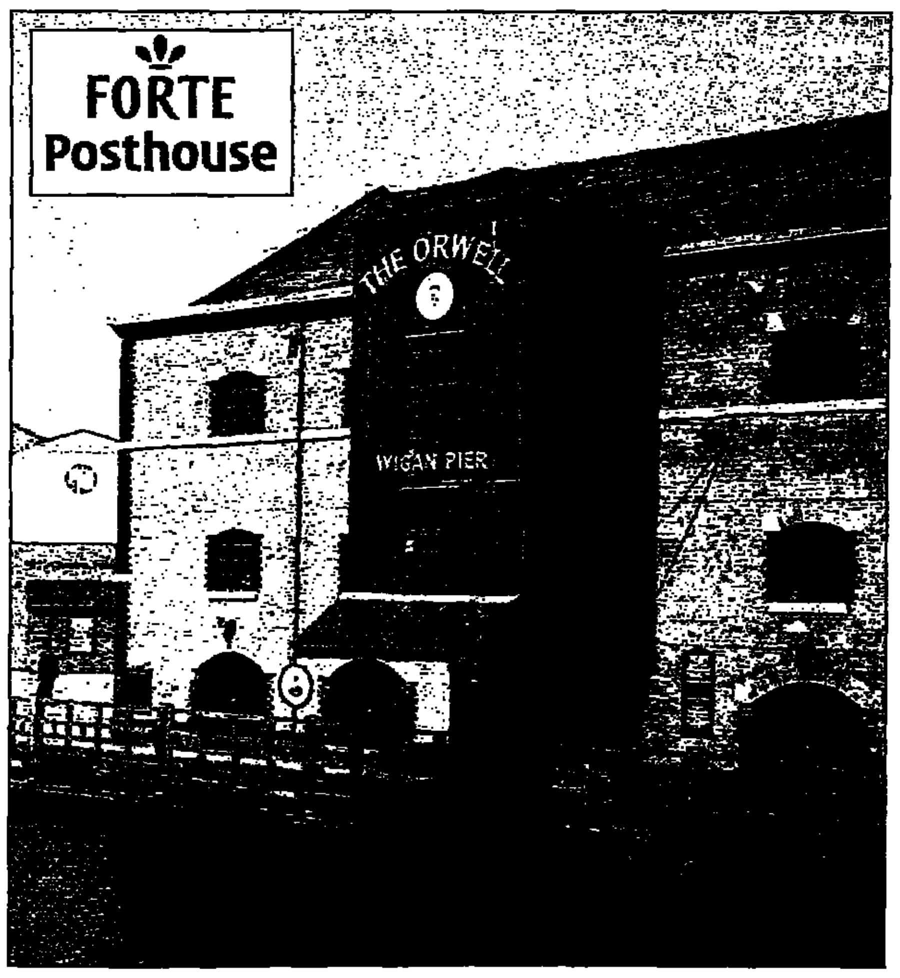

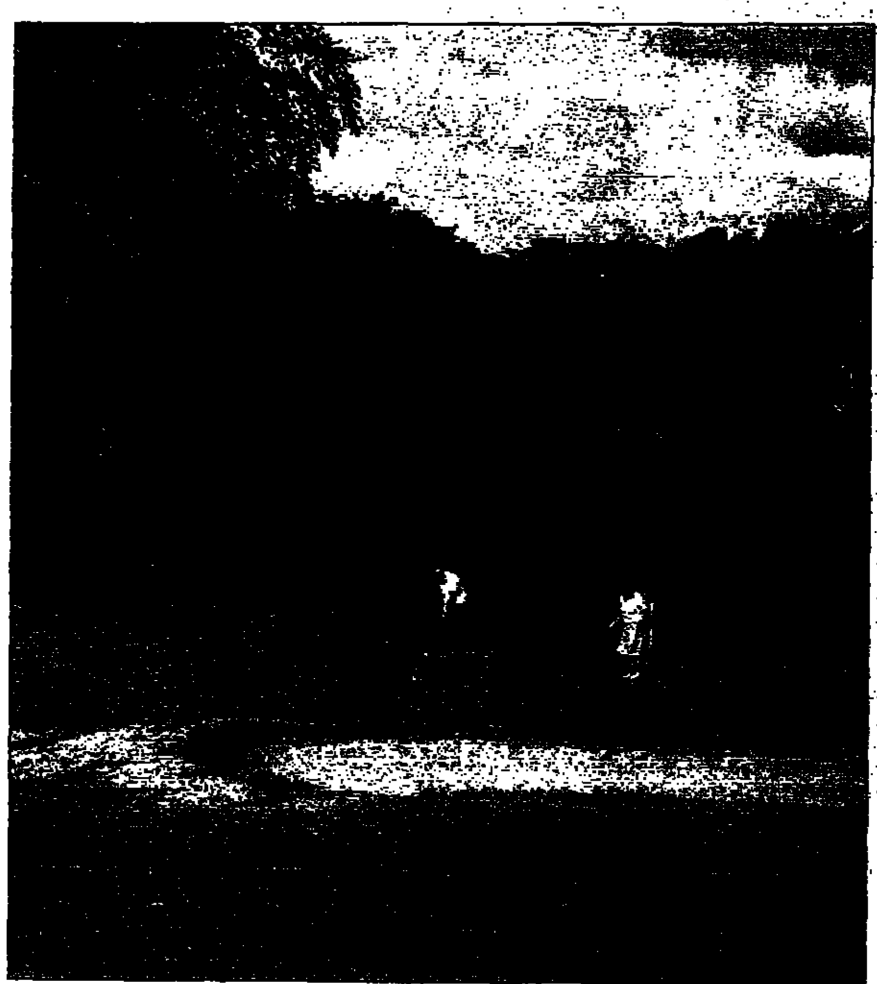

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Manchester City	£118	£59
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Bank's hawkishness points to an even lower target for inflation

ROGER BOOTLE

Last week saw three cosily familiar events. There was good news on two indicators of inflation ahead — average earnings and producer prices — and the rate of inflation itself fell to 2.4 per cent on the headline measure and 2.5 per cent underlying. Yet the Bank of England came out with its ritual warning of higher inflation just round the corner. Now that the Bank not only advises on interest rates but actually sets them, its thinking deserves even closer scrutiny.

The Bank's view of the inflationary process is clear. In the long run, the rate of increase of prices is governed by the rate of increase of monetary demand. In the short run, the course of inflation can deviate from this path as shocks drive prices either up or down. But these effects wear off, and the rate of inflation then returns to the path indicated by the rate of increase of demand. It is this path that the Bank must seek to influence through its interest rate policy, though it is hampered by the fact that any actions taken now may not have their full effect on demand and inflation for two years. This is the justification for arguing for a further rise in interest rates, even though it acknowledges that inflation is likely to fall this year.

But how well can the Bank be expected to see the inflationary prospect in two years' time? If you read the Bank's *Inflation Report* you get the impression that inflation forecasting is a branch of the natural sciences. Of course the Bank does not claim to know what inflation will be in two years' time. Rather, it lays out a spectrum of outcomes with probabilities attached to each. But unless the Bank can be very sure of the fundamental way the economy works, never mind the various shocks to which it is periodically subjected, then these ranges of possible outcomes still represent merely the pretence of certain knowledge, albeit in probabilistic form.

In fact, how inflation behaves in the immediate future should cause us to reflect on our beliefs about the fundamental relations in the economy that will determine how inflation behaves further out. Moreover, the immediate inflation outcome may well influence the outcome in two years' time.

If inflation falls later this year, then this will make it more likely that inflation will be lower next year. Wage settlements will be more easily contained and expectations of inflation, which are so often self-fulfilling, will be more restrained. Even monetary growth will tend to be lower.

But could there be another reason why the Bank is inclined to dismiss the importance of lower inflation in the months ahead? There is a certain ambiguity about the inflation target that the Bank is charged with meeting, and the responsibility for that rests with the Chancellor.

It sounds clear enough — 2½ per cent or less. But is the aim to keep inflation constantly at this level or just to keep it there on average over a run of years? Is an inflation rate of 1 per cent or even zero to be regarded as more of a success for the Bank than 2½ per cent dead? Is the Bank to set policy so that it can be absolutely sure of hitting the target, or is it sufficient that the Bank's own forecasts show a more than 50 per cent likelihood of hitting it? If inflation does overshoot the target, is this overshoot to be disregarded in future, or should the Bank aim to make up the shortfall by aiming for a period of inflation well below the target?

The Bank may well believe that the favourable shock to the price level this year delivered by the strong exchange rate may be followed by an unfavourable shock. Accordingly, if its aim is to meet the target in the medium term, it should aim to undershoot it significantly in the immediate future.

These questions are made all the more important by the lack of clear justification for the target level of inflation itself. The term "price stability" is bandied about as though it is obvious that 2½ per cent inflation delivers stable prices.

It is not obvious. The justification for accepting some small rate of inflation when you are aiming for price stability is that the official measure of inflation overstates true inflation. But does this distortion amount to 2½ per cent? I know of no real evidence for this.

In a lecture delivered last October, Professor Mervyn King, the Bank's chief economist, said that "price stability corresponds to a measured inflation rate of some 1 per cent to 2 per cent a year". In the US, the Boskin Commission investigated this issue extensively and concluded that the upward bias to US inflation statistics was probably just over 1 per cent.

So there is a clear justification for aiming for a rate of inflation well below 2½ per cent, and there is a sense in which the current inflation target may be only a staging post on the way to something tougher. Could the Bank's current hawkishness be anticipating this?

Anyone with a sense of British history must be both pleased and worried that the Bank now sets interest rates. One way for Gordon Brown to assuage our worries is to ensure that the *individuals appointed to the monetary policy* committee reflect a range of views about the way the economy operates.

But over and above this he must institute a full debate and inquiry into the precise form of the target that the Bank is charged with meeting. Leaving things as they are makes it likely that the Bank will deliver an even lower inflation rate. In that, and its attendant costs, we all have a stake.

Unison defies Labour with minimum pay plea

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S biggest trade union will today press the Government for a minimum wage of at least £4.42 an hour — in clear defiance of Labour policy. The move by Unison, the public services union, is a stark indication of the pressure that the trade unions will exert on the Government over low pay.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, Unison general secretary, said: "My job is to keep up the pressure for a decent rate which will really make a difference to the army of workers on poverty pay."

Unison's argument is put forward in a 36-page document that will form the basis of its submission to the Low Pay Commission, the body to be headed by Peter Jarvis, outgoing chief executive of Whitbread, which will recommend a level for the projected national minimum wage.

Unison's submission contains no reference at all to Labour's pre-election policy shift away from a rigid formula setting the minimum wage at half male median earnings.

Instead, the union simply restates the case for a minimum wage set at precisely this level, which, under current earnings figures, works out at £4.42 an hour. Its document states: "The task now for Unison and other unions is to ensure that the level of a national minimum wage is high enough to make a difference." It says that Unison and other unions should now make the case for this "at every opportunity".

Well before the election, Labour abandoned support for a formula setting a minimum wage on the lines of Unison's claim, proposing instead that a joint employer-employee Low Pay Commission recommend a minimum wage to the Government.

☐ More than half of British companies are not taking on staff because the workforce is not skilled enough, compared with 43 per cent in the rest of the European Union, according to a survey out today (Chris Ayers writes).

However, the survey also shows that, in Britain, only 17 per cent of companies do not take on staff because of social legislation, compared with 63 per cent in France and 77 per cent in Germany.

Also, only 1 per cent of UK companies believe that trade union restrictions limit recruitment, against the EU average of 13 per cent, and against 16 per cent in Germany and 42 per cent in Finland.

The survey, produced by Grant Thornton International, the financial adviser, and Business Strategies, the economic forecaster, will make interesting reading for the new Labour Government.

Andrew Godfrey, of Grant Thornton, said: "Given that Labour have pledged to reduce unemployment by 250,000, it is important to know what currently stops UK entrepreneurs from taking on more staff."

Duncan Bannatyne is swapping nursing homes for nurseries

Quality Care Homes chief to receive £23m from disposal

By Fraser Nelson

DUNCAN BANNATYNE, a former ice cream seller who sold his house to set up Quality Care Homes, is on course for a £23.5 million windfall after agreeing to sell his company to Principal Healthcare.

The deal values Mr Bannatyne's chain of 47 nursing homes at £46.3 million — against the £265,000 he paid to establish the company ten years ago.

Mr Bannatyne, who holds a 50.8 per cent stake, said he agreed to sell the company because the task of day-to-day management had become too mundane. "I was tired of it, I didn't have enthusiasm for it and I thought it would be better managed by people who were actually keen."

Mr Bannatyne intends to plough the £23.5 million into a chain of purpose-built nurseries and a portfolio of fitness clubs, opening four outlets a year.

He started out on his own 20 years ago, buying an ice cream van for £450. Seven years later, having established a four-van fleet, he sold all his possessions, including his house and colour television, to raise funds to build his first nursing homes.

After adding a further ten homes to the portfolio, the company was floated for £14 million five years ago.

Principal Healthcare, which buys and leases out care homes, is offering 330p for every Quality Care Homes share — a 20 per cent premium to their price before the takeover talks were announced last month.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

1997 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/−	Yld %	P/E
139½	100½	18.90	AFA Systems	109½	...		
153½	138½	20.00	AMCO Corp	140	...	5.5	10.2
422½	170	60.70	AND Int Pub	282½	− 25	...	...
107½	84½	1.33	Abacus Recruit	102½	...	0.8	18.8
169½	99½	28.10	Access Plus	169½	+ 10	3.6	22.1
100½	19	3.48	Active Imaging	19	− 10	...	
205	200	30.39	A de Gruchy	205	+ 5	3.8	15.4
11½	8¼	9.52	African Gold	9¼	− ¼	...	19.8
117½	82½	41.20	Airtech	90½	+ ½	...	...
44½	31¼	14.20	Albemarle & Bd	37½	− 1	0.8	16.1
50½	29½	8.56	Alizyme	49½	− ½	...	...
111½	101½	3.15	Anglo-Welsh	101½	...	3.0	...
525	455	49.40	Ann St Brewery	515	+ 5	4.7	11.5
1135	1015	6.73	Ann St Cv Pf	1135	+ 15	7.0	...
129½	65½	87.70	Antonov	114½	− 12	...	...
148½	120½	21.50	Aortech	125½	...	...	...
100½	100	10.20	Archer Dedicated	100	...	1.0	55.6
29½	7	8.52	Arlen Props	27½	+ 5	...	...
115	30½	47.60	[illegible]	55	...	...	...
262½	130	52.50	Ask Central	252½	+ 20	0.2	57.6
67½	64½	1.22	Athelney Trust	67½	+ 3	1.9	...
103½	86½	68.40	Avalon Oil	90	+ 2½	...	...
144½	130½	43.70	BATM Adv Comms	140½	...	2.2	...
59½	32½	6.95	Barbican Health	38	...	...	...
9½	6½	10.40	[illegible]	9¼	...	...	...
3¼	2½	5.19	Beechcroft	2½	...	...	9.9
3¼	2½	6.23	[illegible]	3¼	...	...	34.5
44½	38½	6.10	Bickerton	40	...	...	22.3
76½	61½	5.70	Bilston Bttrsea	64	...	2.9	17.0
64	42½	22.50	Birmingham City	45	− 1½	...	...
175	145	1.21	[illegible]	172½	...	3.3	7.4
62½	45½	9.19	Brancote Hldgs	52½	− 2	...	...
93	88	3.78	Br Bloodstock	90	...	2.1	25.8
565	510	67.30	Brockbank	547½	− 2½	1.9	13.4
168½	144½	17.80	CA Coutts Hldgs	167½	...	2.2	18.8
180	128½	8.92	C & B Publishing	175	...	..	
109½	109½	0.12	CCI Founder Shs	109½	...	...	...
182½	140½	1.46	CCI Hldgs	182½	+ 1	1.7	8.2
210½	170	5.08	Cala Ins	175	+ 5	1.7	13.5
70	55	8.00	Caledonian Tst	65	...	...	11.1
3½	3	3.17	Calidore Group	3	...	...	..
1½	0½	1.60	Calidore Grp Wts	1	...	...	...
17½	9¼	2.01	Cambridge Min Res	9¼	− 2¼	...	...
51	29	41.50	Card Clear	45	− 2½	...	44.5
97½	65½	6.62	Carisbrooke Shp	65½	− 2	6.7	6.2
62	52	3.13	Cassidy Bros	57	...	6.6	14.7
57½	49½	2.20	Cavendish W	50	− 2½	4.1	25.2
18	13	4.68	Celebrated Group	14	...	2.4	12.4
£550	£275	97.50	Celtic	£325	+1500	...	...
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111½	96½	22.90	CI Comms(TV)	104½	− 2	3.3	12.3
65	54½	12.60	Charlton Ath	57½	...	...	...
9	6¼	8.25	Charterhouse	8¼	− ½	...	17.3
37½	17½	2.01	Chartwell Intl	17½	− 5	...	...
170	114½	196.70	Chelsea Village	128	− ½	...	...
265	145	13.70	Chemical Design	210	...	...	29.8
202½	65	8.32	Circle Comms	75	+ 7½	1.7	...
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	...	...	72.7
2½	2½	1.85	ClubPartners	2½	...	...	...
150½	132½	16.30	[illegible]	147½	...	1.9	13.8
542½	527½	12.70	Com de Pri Fin	527½	+ 10¼	2.4	10.2
30	14	10.10	Concurrent Tech	21½	...	0.6	33.9
150	95	0.25	Conc Tech A Prf	100	...	...	...
150	95	0.20	Conc Tech B Prf	100	...	...	...
200	125	1.01	Conc Tech Rd Pf	150	...	...	...
300	150	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225	...	...	...
41	36½	8.40	Conister Tst	38	...	6.6	9.4
4¼	2	5.07	Corporate Exec	3¼	− ¼	...	16.4
227½	153½	44.60	Country Gdns	226½	+ 20	0.9	20.8
170	117½	5.19	Cntry Gdns Pf	170	+ 20	3.9	...
37½	9	3.95	Creos Intl	11	...	...	...
290	235	4.08	Crown Eye	255	...	6.1	6.2
28½	9½	4.70	Crown Products	10	− 4½	...	25.0
20½	18½	0.89	Dalkeith Inns	18½	...	...	...
105½	84½	5.59	David Glass	103½	− 1	6.0	11.9
150	120½	5.25	Dawn Til Dusk	150	...	...	11.6
262½	215	130.40	Dawson Hldgs	230	...	2.2	17.7
16½	10½	6.48	Dean Corp	14	− ½	4.5	8.2
174½	169½	10.70	Deep Sea Leisure	169½	...	...	22.7
3¼	2½	3.23	Deskmaster	2½	...	...	16.6
460	393	50.80	Dicom	394	...	0.5	16.2
105½	89½	15.40	Digital Anmtn	104½	...	...	...
72½	50½	11.20	[illegible]	59½	− 3	...	...
270	240	12.70	Dobbies Garden	270	+ 5	2.1	17.1
137½	122½	13.80	Dragons Health	137½	+ 12	...	25.9
3¼	2¾	2.27	Drings of Bath	3	...	...	14.7
81½	49½	12.10	Easynet	75	− 2½	...	...
445	207½	73.90	Elec Retail Sys	350	− 47½	...	...
60½	36½	32.70	Electrophoretics	42½	...	...	...
52½	7½	3.61	Epic Multimedia	15½	− ½	...	...
65	45	11.60	Epicore Netwks	45	...	...	...
275	190	8.23	Eurasia Mining	222½	− 2½	...	...
125	125	5.62	Euro Sales Fn	125	...	...	...
175	165	17.20	Eve Group	175	..	1.1	...
350	260	6.76	Farlake	260	...	...	17.3
77½	47½	2.94	Fayrewood	56½	− 12	0.9	10.9
191½	130½	58.60	Fibernet	157½	+ 10	...	...
69½	47½	2.38	Fieldens	47½	...	3.9	27.4
242½	205	5.58	Fnl Pubs	232½	...	...	8.1
14½	11½	2.33	First Infor	11½	...	...	...
200	109½	46.30	Fitness First	168½	− 6	..	66.0
230	150	3.90	Flomerics	150	− 10	2.5	12.2
292½	272½	8.45	Floral St	272½	− 2½	0.7	19.5
32½	22½	4.72	FNR Hldgs	22½	..	...	...
152½	115½	13.00	Formscan	122½	..	3.3	12.3
110½	89½	8.50	Fountain Forest	95½	...	...	14.7
51¼	37	196.60	Freepages	40½	− 1½	...	...
180½	140½	10.60	Furlong Homes	176½	...	2.3	12.1
144½	124½	15.40	Future Int Telep	139	+ 1½	...	..
286	129½	15.20	GB Railways	172½	− 2½	...	...
55½	50½	16.30	Gall Thomson Env	52½	...	...	9.9
16¼	11½	46.00	Gander Hldgs	15¾	− ¼	...	...
107	82½	80.00	Gartland W&B	92	...	0.4	8.3
102	54½	76.00	Geo Int Media	76	+ 1½	...	...
30	12	38.80	Gold Mines Sard	30	+ 3¼	..	...
20¾	7	11.10	Gold Mns Sard Wts	20¾	+ 4¾	...	...
127½	120½	43.20	Goshawk Insce	127½	...	..	..
15¼	14¾	1.80	Grosvenor Ltd	14¾		...	...
155	140	35.00	Guiton	155	+ 6½	3.8	11.4
330	265	34.20	HIT Entertain	305	+ 15½	0.2	...
8	5¾	2.39	Hansom	6¼	+ ½	...	..
175	155	11.30	Hardy Undwtg	155	...	...	...
77½	54½	3.32	Hat Pin	75½	...	4.5	12.1
315	275	6.62	Heavitree	315	..	2.8	16.4
270	245	11.10	Heavitree A	265	...	3.3	13.8
160	110	5.28	Hercules Prop	160		..	8.7
175	105	10.70	Highams Sys	120	+ 5		17.6
123	115	147.80	Hiscox	120	..	2.6	...
75	75	1.20	Hurlingham	75	..		...
107½	104½	7.07	Hydro-Dynamic	105½		1.4	...
172½	138	25.90	IES	150	− 1½	1.3	46.6
77½	66½	17.50	Ind Brit Health	67½	.	1.9	9.5
82½	55½	10.70	Indpt Energy	81½	...	...	...
133½	116½	22.80	Indpt Radio	127½	.	...	...
198½	141½	37.50	Infobank Intl	195	− 1	...	...
60½	42½	11.80	Inner Workings	60½	...	..	...
79½	62½	15.80	Intelligent Env	70½	− 1	..	...
110	42½	30.00	Internet Tech	99	− 2½	..	...
151½	35½	20.80	Interoute Tele	62½	+ 4		...
285	222½	34.30	Intl Greetings	260		2.6	14.6
179½	144½	37.40	IOC Intl	152½	− 3	...	47.0
184½	160	7.18	ITG Group	160	− 2½	..	...
155½	122½	12.50	Jardinerie Ints	142½	...	...	...
74½	62½	3.05	Jasmin	74½	...		12.3
347	290	25.00	Jennings Bros	337½	− 2½	2.6	23.2
4¼	3½	4.84	J Lewis Hford	3½	− ¼		16.9
62½	50½	8.51	Jordec	52½	+ 1	...	..
5¼	2	6.14	Just Group	3½	.		..
132½	91½	51.50	KS Biomedix	121½	− 1	.	..
50½	47½	5.46	Kern River	47½	..		..
130½	122½	5.09	Lady in Leisure	122½	− 5	.	.
132½	77½	30.10	La Senza	90	− ½		
150	130	24.80	Lancashire En	135	.	4.1	12.9
385	340	23.40	Lawrence	355	+ 6	2.7	...
3350	3150	63.60	Lawrie Group	3350	.	2.6	10.2
371	326	61.60	Le Riches Strs	371	+ 1	5.6	15.6
14	9	0.46	Life Numbers	9¼	.		...
4	2	0.06	Life Numbrs Wts	2	...	...	
535	480	10.70	Loades	535	..	0.2	50.7
106½	60½	24.20	Loftus Road	60½	− 3	..	...
12¾	11¼	3.58	Lon & Edin Publ	11¾		2.7	8.9
75	70	1.75	London Town	70	.	2.9	13.6
117½	112½	3.69	Longbridge Intl	117½	.	..	16.4
87½	37½	10.70	Loot	48	..	...	...
3¾	1¾	3.03	Lotteryking	1¾	...	...	22.4
1	0½	0.09	Lotteryking Wts	0½	.	..	..
88	58	9.44	MMS Petroleum	78	− 2	..	..
27½	14	9.87	Magnum Power	15½	+ 1	.	..
290½	247½	32.10	Majestic Wine	252½	− 1	.	10.9
19½	9½	8.40	Marr & O'seas	14	...	2.9	26.7
125	105	2.82	Matrix Hlthcare	122½	+ 2½	6.9	14.1
13¼	10¼	4.17	Mears Group	11¼	− ½	2.2	10.5
93½	88½	54.10	Megalomedia	92½	.	.	51.9
86½	83½	0.93	Megalomedia Wts	85	..		...
67½	42½	2.98	Meltek	42½	.	7.4	31.4
65	33½	23.90	Memory Corp	37½	.		.
16½	6½	5.71	Meteor Tech	8	...	.	.
15	7	0.14	Meteor Tech Wts	7	.	..	.
50	46	4.22	Methven's	50	.	.	.
25	20	5.41	Metrodome	22	..	.	..
84½	72½	4.42	Mondas	72½	− 3		...
450	200	36.60	Moorepay	345	+ 21¾	1.6	42.4
112	90	7.60	Mountcashel	100	.	..	8.8
215	169½	37.30	Mulberry Group	180		0.5	38.1
40	9½	3.02	MultiMedia	10½	.	..	...
21	17	1.41	NECA	19	..	3.3	8.2
54½	47½	19.20	NMT	49	− 1	..	..
72½	67½	1.42	NRP	67½		1.9	29.8
285	215	16.30	NWF Grp	215	− 3½	6.2	11.1
220	190	15.40	Nash (Wm)	220	..	4.3	8.1
300	275	7.28	Neill Clerk	280	+ 5	3.6	10.1
85½	45½	11.20	Netcall	74½	− 1	.	
242	185½	71.30	Network Tech	221½	+ 7	0.6	..
80½	75	1.43	Nothomes	75	− 2½	..	23.2
50½	30½	6.57	Nthn Petlm	35½	.	...	
30½	28½	1.83	Northstar Sec	30½	+ 1½	...	. .
9	3	0.18	Northstar Sec Wts	9	+ 1½	.	...
118½	112½	46.30	Nursing Home	116½	..	4.0	26.6
167½	102½	18.20	Omnicare	154	− 2	1.3	..
10½	6½	1.60	Omnimedia	6½	..		.
97½	50½	1.73	On Line	52½	.	.	...
65½	37½	25.30	Oxford Biomedica	44½	− 3	..	
3¾	1¾	35.30	Pacific Media	2¾	...		.
69½	29	15.10	Pan Andean Res	35½	+ 6½	.	
245	220	5.88	Park Ests(Lv)	245	..	4.7	17.9
23¾	13	9.12	Pembertons	20	..	.	.
57½	37½	5.81	Personal No Co	37½	− 6	..	.
70½	38½	20.40	Petra Diamonds	70	+ 9½		. .
45½	13½	0.73	Petra Dmnds Wt	44	− 6½		.
137½	82½	38.40	Philippine Gd	90	− 10		
70½	52½	15.20	Pilat Tech	70½	+ 3		
138½	111½	22.30	Polymasc Pharms	111½	− 3½	.	. .
2¾	1½	3.28	Pordum Foods	1½	.	...	..
1½	1	0.22	Pordum Fds Wts	1		.	
22	13	11.20	Premier Asset	20	+ 3		70.4
3	2½	3.15	Prestbury Lers	2½		16.0	10.1
590	540	11.00	Preston Nth E	560		...	.
104½	102½	16.60	Primary Hlth Pr	103½	.	1.4	. .
590	295	79.40	Prism Rail	315	− 15	...	.
127½	115½	20.90	Q Group	125½	− 1	.	
1265	945	287.30	Ramco Egy	1092½	+ 5	0.1	
110½	77½	11.70	Raphael Zrn	107½		2.3	9.7
127½	94½	18.20	Recycling Servs	112½	+ ½	3.6	
131½	106½	9.99	Reflec	131½			
6	4¼	3.80	Revelation Plc	6	+ ¼	1.6	8.2
45	17½	24.40	Riceman Insce	37	− 3		
80½	77½	4.03	Romtec	77½		2.5	15.5
2¼	2	3.46	Rushmere Wynne	2¼		.	.
0¾	0¾	0.07	Rush Wyn Wts	0¾	..		.
155½	152½	18.00	SCi Ent	153½	. .		.
42½	24½	5.54	SEA Multimedia	24½			.
75½	62½	7.11	Sanctuary Musc	72½	..		9.4
12½	5½	0.80	Scotswood Inds	7½	...	8.3	..
6	3¾	10.20	Screen	5		.	20.6
350	245	11.80	Scruttons	245	...	6.6	14.1
82	72	16.00	Selector	82	.		.
30½	20½	1.19	Sell Sealing	20½	− 2	.	.
177½	154½	8.52	Shalibane	177½		2.8	
104½	74	4.69	Shelton (M)	88½	− 9	6.0	10.7
16	12½	38.20	Sibir Energy	15	− ½	.	
233½	208½	29.40	Sinclair Mntrs	226½	..	.	37.3
4½	2¼	6.58	Sira Bus Serv	3	− ¼	2.0	21.2
1½	1	0.29	Sira Bus Wts	1½	.		
3¾	1¼	10.10	Snakeboard	1½	.	..	.
106½	102½	10.70	Soccer Inv	106½	+ 3	.	.
84½	80½	5.20	Solid State Sp	82½	+ 2	4.2	13.7
34½	28½	3.33	Soundtracs	33	− ½	3.0	19.5
783	619½	177.90	Southern News	735	− 5	3.1	23.8
72½	65½	14.40	Southern Vectis	72½	.	3.3	15.6
260½	173½	28.20	Staffware	243½	+ 1	0.5	.
635	427½	95.50	Stanford Rook	495	− 15		.
177½	127½	11.40	Stenior	163½	− 4	..	...
510	410	58.10	Surrey Fr Inns	501	+ 1	0.6	34.7
152	127	15.10	Sutton Harbour	151	.	1.0	21.5
22	14½	1.94	Syst Integ Rsch	14½	− 1		
23	18½	4.48	TDS Circuits	21¼	− ¼		9.8
97½	67½	13.90	Theo Fennell	85½	..	.	22.0
14	9½	20.70	Thomas Potts	11½	..	0.6	
32½	25½	2.01	Tom Hoskins	26½	− 1		.
158½	145½	23.40	Total Office	145½	− 2	4.1	9.3
595	375	28.90	TRACKER Netwk	545	− 5		
120	90	24.70	Tradepoint Fcl	115	.	.	
167	160	5.60	Trinity Care	160	.	3.8	11.5
170	170	1.50	Trinity Care Pf	170		5.5	..
60½	33½	183.90	Trocadero	37	+ ½	.	.
40	40	3.64	Univent	40		..	21.0
397½	357½	7.16	Utd Auctions	397½		2.8	10.6
280	145	15.20	VDC	145	.	4.5	11.5
31¾	20¾	80.10	Versailles Grp	31¾	+ 2¾	0.8	29.3
53	48	91.90	Victory Corp	48½	.	.	.
242½	97½	3.38	Viewinn	112½	...		
240	220	6.58	Voss Net	235		.	..
91	51	23.20	Waterfall	86		.	22.6
34	27	6.34	Watermark	33		3.0	11.7
32	9½	13.10	Wedderburn Secs	21	− 1	..	
17	1¼	0.19	Wedd Secs Wts	5½	− 3	.	
7	5	7.57	Weeks Group	5¾	− ¼	2.8	9.6
115	75	3.12	West 175 Enter	80	+ 5	.	
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12½	11½	3.89	Western Selectn	12	.	.	47.7
4½	4½	0.28	Western Sel Wts	4½	.	.	
99½	44½	10.10	Westmount Engy	92½	− 5		
89½	80½	4.10	Whitecross	85½	+ 1		
245	185½	29.70	Whittard Chelsea	186½	− 9½	1.6	22.2
70½	45½	8.32	W'chester M Md	70½	+ 9		
197	168	42.50	World Telecom	197		..	..
135	120	4.32	Wynnstay Props	135	...	4.3	19.3
12	9	5.23	Xavier Comp	10	+ ½		.
157½	130½	6.26	Yeoman	130½	..	.	.
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A resigned Garry Kasparov — beaten by the Deep Blue supercomputer — helped to signal a return to rude health for IBM after an astonishing revival

Big Blue sea change may not be enough for critics

Richard Thomson analyses the revolution at IBM and explains the remaining causes for concern

May has been an historic month for IBM. Deep Blue, its supercomputer, beat Garry Kasparov, the world chess champion, to become the first machine to defeat a grandmaster. Two days later, the company's shares reached $177, at last regaining their previous record level after ten long years of waiting. Both events signalled that IBM is back in rude health after an astonishing revival with few parallels in US corporate history.

Most of the credit is due to Louis Gerstner, the tough chief executive brought in to rescue a company that appeared to be close to death's door four years ago. To see the extent of his achievement, consider IBM's position when its shares were last worth more than $170.

That was just before the 1987 stock market crash when IBM's market value was $100 billion, making it America's largest company. Big Blue was seen as the blueprint for success, the blue chip's blue chip. No one saw the seeds of disaster.

Then came the market crash. But while other companies' shares recovered in the following years, IBM's did not. It is the last of the companies in the Dow Jones industrial average of ten years ago to have regained its pre-1987 share price.

The company failed to recover because it did not keep up with the breakneck change in the computer industry. It was still trying to sell its traditional mainframes when the world was switching to personal computers. With an unwieldy bureaucracy, it could not adapt fast enough. It was outsmarted by Bill Gates who persuaded IBM to allow Microsoft to keep control of the operating system for IBM machines, so turning Microsoft into one of the world's most successful companies. By the early 1990s, IBM's losses and write-offs soared to more than $20 billion. It seemed to be in terminal decline and its shares slumped by 77 per cent to below $40.

Then, in 1993, came Gerstner. Brusque, arrogant and capable, he took the job no one else wanted and made a success of it. Although IBM's previous management had begun to tackle the company's problems by cutting its bloated workforce, Gerstner seemed to have a vision of the future. IBM had to be nimble, diversified and aggressive like the upstart companies such as Microsoft, Intel and Hewlett Packard which now dominated the computer market.

His first task was cost cutting. He sacked 80,000 employees and improved the efficiency of the 240,000 who remained. In the past four years profit per employee has risen nearly 60 per cent. He also shook up IBM's complacent corporate culture, in which decisions took months or years to make and management failures went unpenalised. Gerstner brought in new aggressive management and revived IBM's traditional reputation for marketing and customer care. He also made the bold strategic decision to continue with mainframe computers. He strengthened it by buying Lotus Notes, the network software company, for more than $3 billion and brought out a new line of faster, cheaper mainframes.

At the same time, IBM fought its way back into the competitive PC market with a range of new products. Its Thinkpad laptops, for instance, are now regarded as being at the leading edge of the market.

Industry analysts and investors remain sceptical about whether enough has been done, however, — as a comparison with IBM's industry rivals shows. In spite of the share price rise, IBM has a low rating. Its historic price/ earnings ratio is only 15, compared with 22 for Hewlett Packard and 52 for Microsoft.

There are several reasons for this caution. For instance, although revenues have risen 40 per cent in the past ten years, earnings have crept up only 3.2 per cent. This is because profit margins have shrunk dramatically from the 50 per cent that IBM reaped on its mainframes in the mid-1980s.

This would matter less if revenues were still expanding rapidly, but they are not. Last year they grew just 5.6 per cent, compared with the 20 per cent-plus growth rates of some other computer companies.

So why have IBM's shares risen so strongly? One important reason is the company's aggressive financial engineering. In one of the largest share buyback schemes undertaken, IBM has spent $13.2 billion on repurchasing its own shares over the past two-and-a-half years. So although the share price is back at the 1987 level, its market value has dropped from more than $100 billion to about $85 billion.

The financial engineering has made the underlying financial position of IBM look better than it really is, given the slow revenue growth and the low profit margins.

Another problem is how much longer Gerstner, the saviour of IBM, will want to stay in charge. He recently said he was still warming up, but he has also said: "I've basically completed what I was asked to do. How much longer do I want to do this?" This is an unsettling statement for investors who fear that IBM might lose its momentum if he left.

So enough questions are hanging over IBM's underlying business and future management to cause concern. Dramatic though it has been, the revival is not yet complete. IBM is back on the road and the wheels are turning, but it still has a long way to go.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.04
Austria Sch	20.48	18.94
Belgium Fr	60.34	55.71
Canada $	2.350	2.175
Cyprus Cyp£	0.867	0.800
Denmark Kr	11.12	10.30
Finland Mkk	8.90	8.20
France Fr	9.78	9.06
Germany Dm	2.93	2.70
Greece Dr	468	431
Hong Kong $	13.38	12.25
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Israel Shk	5.82	5.17
Italy Lira	2904	2682
Japan Yen	203.20	188.80
Malta	0.658	0.602
Netherlds Gld	3.304	3.027
New Zealand $	2.51	2.28
Norway Kr	12.11	11.23
Portugal Esc	291.50	271.00
S Africa Rd	8.00	7.09
Spain Pta	245.00	227.50
Sweden Kr	13.19	12.16
Switzerland Fr	2.48	2.27
Turkey Lira	231210	216682
USA $	1.733	1.599

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6375 (+0.0320)
German mark
2.7741 (+0.0182)
Exchange index
98.6 (+0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
3014.3 (+54.0)
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New York Dow Jones
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Clear ways to cash in

Mrs Cohen's Money: Clubbing Together
Channel 4, 8.00pm

"I suppose you think this is going to be another boring programme about money", says Mrs C. Perish the thought. For one thing she is dressed as a firefighter, which makes us want to discover why. For another, those who have followed the series will know Bernice Cohen's gift for making investment matters clear and relevant. Her final programme underlines advice she has given many times, to leave the safe haven of the bank or building society and look for more profitable outlets. This time she is talking about unit trusts and investment trusts and tracker funds, all carefully explained and recommended as a way of playing the stock market while cutting down the risks. As for the firefighter's garb, that is to introduce a group of firemen who have formed their own investment club and done nicely from it.

Melissa
Channel 4, 9.00pm

With this penultimate instalment we have reached the point where Alan Bleasdale's prequel gives way to the Francis Durbridge original. Or, to be precise, Bleasdale's reworking of it, for Durbridge fans will know by now not to expect a simple update of the old BBC thriller. The good news is that after a long and languid three hours the serial is at last getting down to the real business of investigating the murders, boosted at the end of the last episode by the killing of Melissa herself. Which brings us to the bad news, for Melissa, seductively played by Jennifer Ehle, has been by far the show's most charismatic character. But the pace does noticeably quicken and the plot is finally starting to unravel. All the same, Bleasdale's *Melissa* is still not much like the Durbridge serial that glued we older viewers to our armchairs.

Tales From the Riverbank
BBC2, 9.30pm

Part two of this natural history of fishing will be remembered for a sudden outburst of political incorrectness. Looking for salmon on the River Wye, George Woodward is asked by his companion, a Mr Hodges, what makes a good fisherman. A fishing gillie of great experience and traditional views, Woodward suggests intelligence, patience and skill. Then he adds the fatal words: "Why women ever catch fish I'll never know." The film hurriedly covers this gaffe by pointing out that the record for catching the biggest salmon was set by a woman. Moreover, it has stood since 1922. The programme also advances the theory that a woman's scent drives salmon wild and makes the fish easier to catch. Geoffrey Palmer's low-key commentary provides a soothing antidote to such exciting thoughts.

Bernice Cohen (C4, 8.00pm)

Tales From the Net
BBC2, 10.28pm

Five contrasting little films, shown on consecutive nights, prove beyond contradiction that the Internet has become part of everyday human discourse. When Sue Marsh from Cornwall was inspired by her pet, Mr T, to start a website devoted to Scottie dogs, she was soon receiving 150 e-mails daily from Scottie lovers all over the world. And when Mr T was diagnosed with cancer, her appeal over the net produced the expert advice that helped to save his life. In future films we hear from a married couple who met and conducted their courtship on the Internet and from a convicted murderer facing the gas chamber in the United States. There is a website, too, for those wanting to mourn their loved ones. Among those using the Virtual Memorial Garden is Sarah, whose former boyfriend committed suicide. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Diff'rent Strokes
Radio 5 Live, 7.35pm

A new series about some of the more colourful characters in cricket starts with Jack Russell, the Gloucestershire and England wicket-keeper. Russell's autobiography is published today and the programme is presented by co-author Pat Murphy, giving the programme a commercial edge which some will find uncomfortable. However, Russell is a fascinating character. He took up painting ten years ago when it rained during a game: his work has since been exhibited and he has his own gallery. Russell has also planned his funeral, so unlike some stars he does not regard himself as immortal. In other ways he is as conservative as most in sport: in India, Russell ate steak and chips every day for a month.

Letters from Over Here
Radio 4, 8.40am

This morning slot is normally occupied by *Yesterday in Parliament* but on Mondays and in parliamentary recesses Radio 4 offers us something more enlightening than the baying of politicians. Raymond Seitz, the former United States ambassador to Britain, has demonstrated in the past that not all diplomats have a tendency to be dull. This series of talks about matters that separate, and unite, Britain and the US starts with a look at how the two countries fund their political parties. Seitz shows with a mix of wit and straight talking that whatever the mysteries of British fund raising, we cannot hold a candle to the Americans. He says that "money has become the gangrene in the American body politic". **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe and Boy Lard **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley, includes at **12.30pm** The Big Tease **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Live Music Update with Baggy Smale **8.40** Andy Kershaw **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Diane Louise Jordan **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **8.00** Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band Days **9.00** Big Band Special **9.30** Hayes over Britain **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** Breakfast Programme, includes at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Update **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mar **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Diff'rent Strokes. See Choice **8.00** Parkinson on Sport **9.00** Tales of the Turf **9.30** Work Out **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** Twists of Nature **7.30** Omnibus **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Vintage Chart Show **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Question Time **10.05** World Business **10.15** Visions of Reality **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Omnibus **12.30pm** Jazz Expo **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Touched with Fire **3.45** Good Relationship Guide **4.05** Sport **4.15** On Your Behalf **4.30** News in German **5.30** World Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** Seven Days **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** Counterpoint **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Danger Squad **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** Keep to the Path Through Europe **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Seven Days **2.45** A Private View **3.30** On Screen **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **7.00** Mike Read **9.00** Hall of Fame Hour **10.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Boccherini (Cello Concerto in B flat major); John Jeffreys (Violin Concerto). **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Telemann (Sonata Corellisante No 2 in A major) **8.00** The City of Birmingham Orchestra, under Sir Simon Rattle. Britten (American Overture); Mahler (Blumine, symphonic movement). **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Stravinsky (Petrushka); Veracini (Violin Sonata No 9 in A); Nicolai (Romanze Scarco d'Affanni il Core); Schmelzer (Balletto de Centauri); Telemann (Concerto in D minor for Two Chalumeaux); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E flat)

9.00 Morning Collection, *with Catriona Young.* Includes Locatelli (Concerto in D, Op 3 No 12); Elgar (Harmony Music No 4); Britten (A Hymn to the Virgin); Schubert (Three Marches Militaires)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Live from the Brunswick Room at the Guildhall, Bath. There are contributions from James Bowman, countertenor, accompanied by David Miller, lute, and Radio 3 artist of the week Imogen Cooper. Includes Grieg (Violin Sonata No 1 in F, Op 8); Harald Saeverud (Fuschia; Rondo Amoroso; Ballad of Revolt); Grieg (Violin Sonata No 2 in G, Op 13)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Handel

1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Ian Bostridge, tenor, and Julius Drake, piano. Schumann (Liederkreis, Op 24: Du Bist Wie Eine Blume; Abends am Strand; Die Beiden Grenadiere; Die Feindlichen Bruder; Belsatzar; Tragodie 1; Tragodie 11, Dein Angesicht; Es Leuchtet Meine Liebe; Lehn Deine Want; Mein Wagen Rollet Langsam)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic, under Donald Hunt. Elgar (Scenes from The Saga of King Olaf). Susan Chilcott, soprano, Arthur Davies, tenor, Alan Opie, baritone, Ceramic City Choir, Elgar Chorale of Worcester

3.45 Jazz à la Lee. Mel Hill looks at the life and work of singer, lyricist and composer Peggy Lee.

4.15 Music Restored (r)

5.00 The Music Machine. Verity Sharp begins a week of programmes looking at the viol consort with the help of the group Fretwork

5.15 In Tune, with Anthony Burton. Includes the first in a series of the complete symphonies of C.P.E. Bach. Rimsky Korsakov (Overture: May Night Philharmonia); Bax (Morning Song — Maytime in Sussex); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in G); Jonathan Dove (Figures in the Garden)

7.15 Matricide with Tears. Dr Peter Jones, a senior lecturer in classics, looks at the origins of Strauss's *Elektra* with readings by Actors of Dionysus

7.30 Live from Covent Garden: Elektra. Richard Strauss's tale of revenge based on the play by Hugo von Hofmannsthal, with the Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, under Christian Thielemann. Hildegard Behrens, soprano, Nadine Secunde, soprano, Jane Henschel, contralto, and Alan Held, baritone

9.35 Young Indians. In the first of five conversations with the best of India's newest generation of young authors, Noah Richler travels to Kerala in southern India and meets Arundhati Roy whose first novel *The God of Small Things* has caused a stir in literary circles (1/5)

10.00 Voices. Mezzo Sarah Walker talks about her life and career to Iain Burnside and plays a selection of her recordings. Includes Handel's *Hercules* and Stravinsky's *A Rake's Progress*

10.45 Mixing It. Includes an interview with organ, bass and drums trio Medeski, Martin and Wood

11.30 Composer of the Week: Lehar (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. New Orleans clarinettist Pete Fountain talks to Alyn Shipton

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, includes Thought for the Day **8.40** Letters from Over Here. See Choice **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**

9.05 Start the Week, with *Times* columnist Melvyn Bragg

10.00 News; With Great Pleasure (FM). Actress and writer Meera Syal presents her favourite writing to an audience at the Birmingham Readers and Writers Festival. With Nina Wadia and Ahsen Bhatti (6/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray meets the jazz pianist Jessica Williams. Plus Jan Francis reads Deborah Moggach's novel *Close Relations* (11/12)

11.30 Money Box Live. Personal finance news with Vincent Duggleby

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker

12.25pm Brain of Britain, with Robert Robinson **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; *Diamonds.* John Peacock's trilogy of radio plays follows the progress of a flawed diamond and the fortunes of a family. With Jonathan Firth, Gerald McDermott, Tracy Ann Oberman, Miles Anderson and Alex Lowe (1/3)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker reviews the opening production at Glyndebourne of *Manon Lescaut* and reports on the winners at this year's Cannes Film Festival

4.45 Short Story: Running with the Wolves, by *Madeleine Cary. A hippy creates chaos on a* tough housing estate. Read by Julie Riley (r)

5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee Potter and Jon Soppel **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The News Quiz (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: Dr Y, *by Diane Samuels.* When the gene is identified for inherited breast and ovarian cancers, a woman whose mother and grandmother died of those diseases wonders whether it is worth finding out if she has cancer when there is no cure. With Lynn Farleigh and Saskia Reeves. Directed by Abigail Morris

9.15 Travels with a Tape Recorder. A series recollecting the travels of the New Zealand writer James McNeish. In New Guinea he sets out to discover and record a mysterious set of talking drums on the remote island of Andra (3/3) (r)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isobel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Grass is Singing, by Doris Lessing. Abridged by Pamela Grace and read by Janet Suzman (6/10)

11.00 The Heritage Quiz. Sue McGregor tests Christopher Cook, Graham Fawcett, Jane Glover and Philippa Gregory (r)

11.30 Firefly Summer. Maeve Binchy's novel dramatised in six parts by Jane Cassidy. With David Soul, Anna Healy, Lorcan Cranitch and Susan Slot (2/6) (r)

11.00 Education Matters (LW), presented by Philippa Dolley

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

12.00 News (FM) incl 12.27am approx Weather

12.30am Late Book: A White Merc with Fins, by James Hawes. Read by Michael Sheen (1/8)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

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Great production values. When does it end?

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

The peak-time drama slot on a Sunday evening has become one of the toughest battlefields in the ratings war, with ITV and the BBC sending star actors, writers and directors over the top in a bid to capture the hearthland occupied by little old you and me. Are we duly impressed? Not entirely.

Your advantage last night was that you only had to watch one of the offerings, because of course they clashed. Mind you, little would have been lost by switching between the two, for although several things can be said in favour of *Plotlands* (BBC1) and *Wokenwell* (ITV), neither can be accused of proceeding at a dizzying pace.

There is a phrase fondly used in *tellyland* and it is "production values". To ordinary mortals, this means that a wall does not shake when someone slams a door and porcelain dishes do not look as if they are made of plastic. Both of the dramas which opened last night had high production values.

But there is another phrase more common among viewers and it is: "What time does this finish?" The asking of this question is a sure sign that things are flagging a little on screen, that splendid production values are all well and good but would it not be nice if something surprising were to happen — and quite soon? The defining damnation of each drama is that I do not much care what happens next week.

I suspect **Plotlands** will do better with awards panels, being the story of a woman battling the odds. It is set in 1922 and concerns Chloe Marsh (Saskia Reeves), who flees a violent marriage by paying £5 for a plot of land outside London. She and her two daughters, aged 14 and 10, live in a tent and eke a living picking potatoes.

Reeves is a splendid actress and Rebecca Callard and Jade Williams are marvellous as the children: their sullen refusal to accept that life has to be like this, even for the time being, is conveyed with an authenticity that every parent will easily recognise.

One of the distinguishing features of BBC drama series in the past few years is that they have tended to start slowly and get better, so I am not about to write off a series written by Jeremy Brock, the co-creator of *Casualty*, and produced by Louis Marks (*Middlemarch*, among others). But the unrelieved gloom of episode one was hard to take.

At least *Plotlands* takes risks by having depth. **Wokenwell**, for all its attempts to play at black comedy, is formula drama with undertones of *Heartbeat* and the Ruth Rendell stories which have served ITV well in peak time. Here, too, the acting is excellent and the writing (by Bill Gallagher) has many good moments, but the opener last night fell between too many stools.

The Wokenwell of the title is a small Yorkshire town where a human finger is found outside the butcher's shop, thus causing a sudden and dramatic decline in the sale of sausages. Ted Horrocks, the butcher (Peter Wright) is about to marry June Bonney (Celia Imrie), a ceremony abruptly curtailed when a human hand is found at the reception. Horrocks could not have been more shunned if his sausages had *E. coli*.

So yes, black comedy, but only up to a point. There is more to that art than dropping bits of anatomy into otherwise humdrum situations, and the cries of the producers in preview interviews that this is "not just another police series" smack of protesting too much.

The best opportunity to sustain the claim that *Wokenwell* is markedly different as opposed to slightly different was wasted. There was a rich vein to be mined in the fact that the detective investigating the gruesome discoveries was also the butcher's best man. But this became a mere sideshow as the script pursued an utterly conventional line about the bride being stalked by her former husband. Been there, seen that.

The lesbian and gay movement *apparently* began 100 years ago, and last night saw the start of **It's Not Unusual**, a three-part documentary series on gay life in Britain this century. The opener covered the years to 1951 and was subtitled *Age of Innocence*.

Mercifully there was no attempt at moral analysis, so instead we were able to hear gay people talk about their gayness and the ways in which it manifested itself. The interviewees were devoid of any bitterness or anger and simply recounted their early experiences of same-sex attraction, some of the penalties for which were ironic.

One man recalled how, at public school, he had been found beating another boy on the bottom, for which the punishment was to be beaten on the bottom by a master. Several of the lesbians interviewed made the point that at all-girl schools, romantic attachments *were positively encouraged*, being seen as a way of delaying the evil day when girls might chase boys.

At least two people in the film explained how, having started same-sex relationships, they thought they had better try to do what society expected, so began to go out with members of the opposite sex. But this lacked something. "I just wasn't turned on by women," said one man. Another even got married, but it was not to last.

This raises the time-honoured argument of the homophobics, which is that gay relationships are not "natural". I may have difficulty understanding why a man would want to have a romantic relationship with another man, but that is merely a matter of preference. To suggest that a man should become involved with women against his instincts is nonsensical. It isn't natural, either.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (34074)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (39432)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3962180)
9.20 Style Challenge (6340797)
9.45 Kilroy (7768345)
10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (74432)
11.00 News (T) **Regional News** and weather (7502890)
11.05 The Great Escape Interactive holiday magazine (7969890)
11.35 Real Rooms Simon Biagi presents a new series in which a viewer has a room in their house transformed by a team of designers and decorators (8949744)
12.00 News (T) and weather (8139161)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (8884567)
12.35 The Practice (9225567)
1.00 News (T) and weather (49819)
1.30 Regional News and weather (86552180)
1.40 The Weather Show (99738567)
1.45 Neighbours (40658109)
2.10 Quincy Drama, starring Jack Klugman (6317971)
2.55 Through the Keyhole (6156364)
3.20 Connoisseurs' Collections *Antiques Roadshow* expert David Battie reveals his own collection of antiques (6290635)
3.30 Playdays (8019635) **3.50** Monster Cafe (6530529) **4.05** The New Yogi Bear Show (5479277) **4.10** Casper (4993819) **4.35** 50/50 (9299884) **5.05** Newsround (T) (5793161) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (6158093)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (310258)
6.00 News (T) and weather (109)
6.30 Regional News (161)
7.00 Auntie's TV Favourites Rolf Harris; 15-year-old Jess Flynn backstage at *Top of the Pops; Are You Being Served?* actors reminisce (T) (7635)
7.30 Here and Now How the decline in legal aid and the rise in interest in consumer rights has led to an increase in the number of people opting to represent themselves in court. Plus a visit to a school in Newcastle upon Tyne where girls as young as 14 are taking their babies into the classroom in order to continue their education (T) (345)
8.00 EastEnders Sanjay's latest escapades land him in the doghouse. George discovers hell hath no fury like the Queen Vic's landlady when scorned. Lorraine pays a Tiffany a visit (T) (7105)
8.30 Only Fools and Horses Del decides to enter the highly profitable tourist trade (r) (T) (5890)
9.00 News (T) and weather (1242)
9.30 Panorama A report on Iran's expanding terror network in Europe (T) (637242)
10.10 The Set-Up (1949) FILM Robert Ryan shines in this drama about an ageing boxer whose refusal to deliberately lose his last fight makes him a target for ruthless gangsters. Filmed in real-time. Directed by Robert Wise (1896987)
11.40 Something Big (1971) FILM Comedy western, with Dean Martin and Honor Blackman. A Cavalry colonel on the verge of retirement has one last battle with his long-time bandit enemy. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen (T) (104180)
1.25am Weather (4488198)

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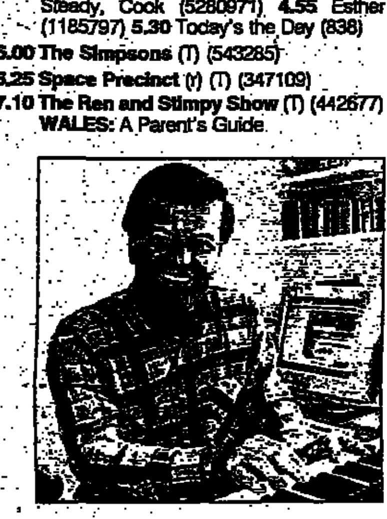
BBC2

6.00am O.U.: Exams — a Curious Kind of Ritual (8238635) **6.25** Science Skills (8144242) **6.50** Animated English: The Creature Comforts' Story (8635155)
7.15 News (T) (3890345) **7.30** Teenage Turtles (8749797) **7.55** Blue Peter (r) (1839155) **8.20** Bump (3848426) **8.25** Open a Door (6125906) **8.35** The Raccoons (3003529) **9.00** TV6 (76890) **9.30** Ici Paris (7345432) **9.45** Watch Out (7340987) **10.00** Teletubbies (17722) **10.30** Go for It! (4424971) **10.50** Look and Read Special (4517635) **11.10** Zig Zag (6472529) **11.30** Ghostwriter (3277) **12.00** Teaching Today (90426) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (27068) **1.00** History File (22037242) **1.25** Landmarks (70293155) **1.45** Storytime (86546529) **2.00** Bump (30824432) **2.05** Open a Door (30823703)
2.10 The Journey of Natty Gann (1985) FILM Disney adventure set during the Depression with Meredith Salenger, John Cusack — and a wolf. Directed by Jeremy Kagan (694161)
3.50 A Day That Shook the World (r) (5374364) **3.55** News (T) (5373635) **4.00** Blockbusters (5287884) **4.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (5280971) **4.55** Esther (1185797) **5.30** Today's the Day (838)
6.00 The Simpsons (T) (543285)
6.25 Space Precinct (r) (T) (347109)
7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show (T) (442677) **WALES:** A Parent's Guide



Tony Blackburn composes (7.30pm)

7.30 Computers Don't Bite: The Beginner's Guide Featuring educational software for children (T) (987)
8.00 Top Gear Motorsport Mark James and Tiff Needell present coverage of the World Rally Championship, the Rallye de France in Corsica (8797)
8.30 The Antiques Show Antique wines, a man who fakes antiques and giving a period look to a wartime film (T) (3432)
9.00 Till Death Us Do Part (r) (9884)
9.30 [redacted] **Tales from the Riverbank** Charting the changes to wildlife, fish and anglers during a salmon-fishing season (T) (24612)
10.00 Game On (r) (T) (91155)
10.28 [redacted] **Tales from the Net** (1/5) Ordinary people reveal how the Internet has helped them in their everyday lives (388426)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (585600)
11.15 Ruby in conversation with Carrie Fisher and Salman Rushdie (810068)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (T) (75876)
12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: Giotto: the Arena Chapel (97001) **1.30** The Island — an Historic Production? (84440) **2.00** Nightschool TV: Special Needs (78049) **4.00** BBC Focus: Italia 2000 (44407) **4.30** Royal Institute Discourses (26846) **5.30-5.59** RCN Nursing Update (25335)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4522838)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6421616)
9.55 Regional News (T) (3849451)
10.00 The Time, the Place (T) (11548)
10.30 This Morning (62768722)
12.20pm Regional News (T) (8135345)
12.30 News (T) and weather (9211364)
12.55 The Pulse (9123155) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (70377161)
1.50 Misfortunes (1989) FILM with David Sisak and John Izod. Two men embark on a hair-raising adventure when their plane crashes on a remote island. Directed by Bruce Donaldson (3787242)
3.20 News (T) (6294451)
3.25 Regional News (T) (6293722)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (6554109) **3.40** Caribou Kitchen (7175616) **3.50** Cartoon (7091600) **4.00** Scooby Doo (5387838) **4.25** The Famous Five (T) (4803242) **4.50** The Big Bang (T) (1577426)
5.10 Sorted (T) (7874277)
5.40 News (T) and weather (586364)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (448631)
6.25 HTV Weather (340987)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (529)
7.00 Wish You Were Here? Lesley Joseph travels to South Australia. Judith Chalmers is in the Spanish port of Valencia and John Carter paddle-steams up the Mississippi (T) (2703)
7.30 Coronation Street Trouble awaits Judy at the amusement arcade (T) (513)
8.00 World in Action Hard-hitting topical reports (T) (1451)
8.30 The Freddie Starr Show Magician Wayne Dobson joins the unpredictable funnyman (T) (7258)

Jemma Redgrave stars (9.00pm)

9.00 Bramwell Finn returns from America just in time for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the Thrift party (T) (5529)
10.00 News (T) and weather (91109)
10.30 Regional News (T) (976068)
10.40 The West Story: Slap Happy? (935161)
11.15 Show of Strength A profile of the Show of Strength pub theatre company (r) (321513)
12.15am Beadle Late (7700001)
12.40 Lip Service (1988) FILM with Griffin Dunne and Paul Dooley. Offbeat satirical drama about an established breakfast TV host being forced to share the limelight with a gauche hotshot. Directed by William H. Macy (4021339)
2.00 Mainly Men (r) (40681)
2.30 Club Nation (r) (T) (95952)
3.30 God's Gift (r) (74469)
4.30 World in Action (r) (T) (86310)
5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (39914)
5.30 News (39339)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9123155)
1.50 Blue Heelers (8588155)
2.50-3.20 High Road (2531093)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7874277)
6.25-7.00 Central News (695258)
10.40 Film: Blow Out (55223242)
12.40am War of the Worlds (4010556)
1.40 Late and Loud (6901372)
2.40 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (8675407)
3.05 Film: The Night Caller (5687407)
4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (2191933)
5.20 Asian Eye (8875759)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (9123155)
1.25 High Road (22112987)
1.55 Murder, She Wrote (8669074)
2.50-3.20 Westcountry Update (2531093)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7874277)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (22513)
10.30 Westcountry News (682708)
10.45 A Tale of Three Farms (217118)
11.15 Power Game (903971)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (372838)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9123155)
1.50 At Home with Maggie Philbin (40551242)
2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (2766857)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7874277)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (277)
6.30-7.00 Country Ways (529)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (682708)
10.45 The Pier (496971)
11.15 Swift Justice (479180)
12.10am Meridian Focus (2495372)
5.00 Freescreen (39914)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9123155)
1.50 Blue Heelers (8588155)
2.50-3.20 Crawshaw Paints (2531093)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7874277)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (695258)
10.30 Anglia News and Weather (682708)
10.45 Cross Question (324600)
11.45 Highlander (372838)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (54884) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (59242) **9.00 Bewitched** (78258) **9.30 Ysgolion** (120118) **12.00 Australia Wild** (81722) **12.30pm Montel Williams** (18364) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (29526136) **1.15 Smot y Cl** (85570987) **1.25 Film: Young Bess** (39904488) **3.30 Collectors' Lot** (635) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (242) **4.30 Garden Party** (426) **5.00 5 Pump** (4372277) **5.10 Ffeil** (4361161) **5.20 Gogs** (5798616) **5.30 Countdown** (906) **6.00 Newyddion** (294267) **6.05 Heno** (848857) **6.35** *Sion a Sian* (357277) *7.00 Pobol y Cwm* (764838) **7.25 Taro Naw** (716635) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (9093) **8.30 Newyddion** (5600) **9.00 O Flaen Dy Lygaid** (3971) **10.00 Sgorio** (7461180) **11.05 Planet Showbiz** (429180) **11.35 NBA Raw** (988154) **12.35am Film: The Good Mother** (464952) **2.25-2.35 Soak it Up** (8553440) **4.00 Ysgolion** (7366488)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (54884) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (59242) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (78258)
9.30 Schools Geography Junction (T) **9.45** Book Box (T) **10.00** Stage Two Science (T) **10.15** Schools at Work **10.20** Off the Walls **10.40** The English Programme (T) **11.05** Encyclopedia Galactica **11.15** The Mix (T) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat **11.45** Living and Growing (T) (120118)
12.00 Australia Wild (r) (T) (81722)
12.30pm Light Lunch (65635)
1.30 Fishing the Sloe-Black River (r) (80095345)
1.50 The Overlanders (1946, b/w) FILM with Chips Rafferty. A fact-based drama about an Australian drover who makes a 2,000-mile cattle drive southward across hostile territory to save 1,000 head. Directed by Harry Watt (T) (46999161)
3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (635) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (242) **4.30** Countdown (T) (426) **5.00** Montel Williams (T) (8839) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (906)
6.00 Home Improvement New series of the American comedy with Tim Allen as a DIY television show host (819)
6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (971)
7.00 Channel Four News (T) (199819)
7.50 Soak it Up Series supporting Adult Learner's Week (T) (172513)
8.00 CHOICE **Mrs Cohen's Money: Clubbing Together** In the last of the financial advice series, Bernice Cohen looks at the minimum risk, high returns of collective funds (T) (9093)
8.30 The Entertainers The Beverley Artistes Agency stage their 30th annual trade show to promote some of the best acts on their books (5/5) (T) (5600)

Julie Walters as Paula (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Melissa** The penultimate episode of Alan Bleasdale's adaptation of the Francis Durbridge thriller (T) (9024187)
10.05 Dark Skies (T) (965223)
11.05 Cheers Norm embarks on a double life to boost his new career (r) (T) (429180)
11.35 NBA Raw Basketball action (988154)
12.35am NYPD Blue (r) (T) (7483049)
1.25 Soak it Up (r) (4495488)
1.35 Joyride A motorist is hijacked and locked in the boot of his car with the police in chase (r) (1780407)
1.50 One Year in the Life of Crime A Downtown Community Television documentary (r) (2270117)
2.50 ***Watching the Detectives*** *The work of* real-life private detectives (3/5) (r) (T) (7198020)
3.50 The Harpoonist Animation (94834907)
4.00 Schools (T) (7366488)
5.15 Prairie Album (r) (5542827)
5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (20681)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt** decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (8635567)
7.30 Havakazoo (5480987) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8330109)
8.30 WideWorld: Our Children, Ourselves Examining the development of children from birth to early-school years (8322180)
9.00 Espresso (2360432) **10.00** Exclusive (7947345) **10.30** Attractions (r) (8319616)
11.00 Leeza (9086616) **11.50** Double Espresso (34387906) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8237068) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4412987)
1.00 5 News Update (49738906)
1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3499529)
2.00 5's Company (7911258)
3.30 Strangers When We Meet (1960) FILM with Kirk Douglas, Kim Novak and Ernie Kovacs. Romantic drama about an affair between two unhappily married people. Directed by Richard Quine (8533155)
5.30 100 Per Cent (9182109)
6.00 Whittle (T) (9172722)
6.30 Family Affairs Chris and Annie get a call from the Inland Revenue (T) (9163074)
7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (4514105)
7.30 Animal Omens: The Truth About Mrs Tiggywinkle Documentary exploring the mysterious nocturnal life of the hedgehog (T) (9169258)
8.00 Hot Property Sandy Mitchell guides a wealthy single man through the property market as he looks for a penthouse flat or a house in the centre of London (T) (3265613)
8.30 5 News (2165058)

Estevez and Jackson (9.00pm)

9.00 National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1 (1993) FILM with Samuel L. Jackson, Emilio Estevez and Jon Lovitz. Spoof of the *Lethal Weapon* films, *Basic Instinct* and *Silence of the Lambs*. Directed by Gene Quintano (2076703)
10.30 Tibs and Fibs Medical quiz hosted by Tony Slattery, with doctors Phil Hammond and Hilary Jones (8310345)
11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (5662884)
11.40 We Know Where You Live Comedy sketches and spoofs with Simon Pegg, Fiona Allen and Sanjeev Bhaskar (5146093)
12.10am Live and Dangerous Through-the-night sports magazine With guests John Regis and Tony Jarrett. Includes at **2.00** coverage of extreme sports (42427551)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4904285)
5.30 100 Per Cent (2252469)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (488890) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (32695) **10.00** Another World (99451) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (76987) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (59635) **1.00pm** Geraldo (62155) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (69155) **3.00** Jenny Jones (75109) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (54610) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4180) **6.00** Real TV (4242) **6.30** Married — with Children (1722) **7.00** The Simpsons (2109) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7906) **8.00** Star Trek: Voyager (11628) **9.00** Poltergeist: The Legacy (87432) **10.00** Nash Bridges (97819) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (80150) **12.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (41158) **12.30am** LAPD (35049) **1.00** Hit Mix Long Play (9987681)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (3112074) **7.30** Superboy (3909616) **8.00** Love and Betrayal: The Mia Farrow Story (7135890) **10.00** The Outer Limits (7058797) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (4064161) **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (4158662)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am A Feast at Midnight (1994) (23161) **8.00 Amore! (1993)** (25321529) **9.50 The Power Within (1994)** (26347616) **11.30 Death Car on the Freeway (1980)** (22838) **1.30pm Imaginary Crimes (1994)** (22703890) **3.15 A Feast at Midnight (1994)** (3607093) **5.00 Pointman (1994)** (26819) **7.00 Imaginary Crimes (1994)** (86364) **9.00 Fugitive from Justice: Underground Father (1996)** (73797) **10.30 The Young Poisoner's Handbook (1995)** (43057600) **12.15am Barcelona (1994)** (114310) **2.05 Above the Rim (1994)** (662914) **3.45 Dancing with Danger 15 (1994)** (5573223)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.15am Mademoiselle Fifi (1944) (8432426) **7.30 Robin Hood Junior (1975)** (73180) **8.30 Black Feather (1995)** (19364) **10.00 Stella (1950)** (49258) **12.00 The Magic Bubble (1992)** (64500) **2.00pm The Long Voyage Home (1940)** (61123) **4.00 Black Feather (1995)** (1426) **6.00 Clifford (1994)** (12384) **7.30 Behind-the-Scenes** (9136) **8.00 Alien Nation: Dark Horizon (1995)** (94722) **10.00 White Tiger (1996)** (182819) **11.35 Rapa Nui (1994)** (570074) **1.25am Awake to Danger (1995)** (811407) **3.00 Wishman (1995)** (32846) **4.30 Aladdin and his Magic Lamp (1985)** (67117)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Fleet's In (1942) (2775068) **8.00 The Party (1968)** (2770513) **10.00 Platoon (1986)** (15661619) **12.05am The St Valentine's Day Massacre (1967)** (5874339) **1.45 Rasputin: The Mad Monk (1966)** (1587285) **3.20-5.15 Ace in the Hole (1951)** (4683575)

TNT

9.00pm Pat and Mike (1952) (37383074) **11.00 Point Blank (1967)** (50833819) **12.45am Love Me or Leave Me (1955)** (25702407) **3.00-5.00 Dodge City (1939)** (75471952)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am World Sports Special (26906) **7.30** Watersports World (11172) **8.30** Racing News (40068) **9.00** World of Speed and Beauty (37548) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (73338) **10.00** Super League (38797) **11.00** Live Super League: Queensland v NSW (65567) **1.00pm** FA Trophy Final (50548) **2.30** World Sports Special (74451) **2.30** Watersports World (74451) **3.30** Skiff Sailing (6432) **4.00** World Wide Rugby (9890) **6.00** Sports Centre (2616) **6.30** Skiff Sailing (4448) **7.00** IndyCar Racing (29432) **7.59** Sports Centre (355884) **8.00** Year of the Giant-Killers 1996-1997 (43068) **10.00** Sports Centre (45513) **10.30** Pro Beach Soccer (25155) **11.30** IndyCar Racing (27426) **12.30am** Sports Centre (66933) **1.00** Year of the Giant-Killers 1996-1997 (49914) **3.00-3.30** Sports Centre (19285)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Watersports World (59335838) **1.00pm** US Golf: Byron Nelson Classic (30869703) **3.30** Spanish Football (30584068) **6.00** The Winning Post: Live Horse Racing (37381616) **8.00** Windsor Horse Show (77351242) **9.30-11.30** Golf: Andersen Consulting Championship (50367180)

EUROSPORT

7.30am BMX (30109) **8.00** Mountain Bike (97600) **9.00** Triathlon (44987) **10.00** Motorsports (25093) **11.00** Motorcycling (50635) **1.00pm** Football (10345) **1.30** Duathlon (61093) **2.00** Strongmen (58187) **3.00** Stock Car Racing (91161) **4.00** Tennis (1258) **6.00** Football (74513) **7.00** Speedworld (99109) **8.30** Sumo (37646) **9.30** Football (72265) **10.30** Tennis (29529) **11.00-12.30am** Snooker (53154)

UK GOLD

7.00am Record Breakers (8010161) **7.35** Neighbours (6348884) **8.00** Crossroads (8058797) **8.25** EastEnders (4699722) **9.00** The Bill (7008529) **9.30** You're Only Young Twice (4238161) **10.00** Robin's Nest (4185432) **10.30** The Sullivans (7924513) **11.00** Casualty (54179613) **12.05pm** Crossroads (86759277) **12.30** Neighbours (4249277) **1.00** EastEnders (8906109) **1.35** Dick Emery Short (67703797) **2.05** A Diddy Bit of Dodd (94077109) **2.15** Family Secret Army (2993068) **2.50** 'Allo 'Allo! (3743600) **3.30** The Bill (3068068) **4.00** Boon (9845567) **5.00** Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game (53267616) **6.05** EastEnders (9921154) **6.40** Sykes (5937548) **7.20** Russ Abbot (2917513) **8.00** Wowfabgroovy (4456155) **8.30** Lynda La Plante's Framed (3346426) **10.30** The Bill (7001258) **11.05** Minder (4428703) **12.05am** Spitting Image (8304391) **12.35 FILM: Wise Blood** (8008049) **2.25** Shopping at Night (75329204)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (4331838) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (6197971) **7.30** Families (6289906) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (1392180) **9.00** The Professionals (7318109) **10.00** Richard and Judy Exclusive (9238703) **10.30** Doctor at Large (9694635) **11.00** Love Among the Artists (6192426) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (9685987) **12.30pm** Families (3501267) **1.00** Crown Court (6196242) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (4951708) **2.00** A Family at War (9237432) **3.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (9424074) **4.00** Surprise, Surprise (9443109) **5.00** The Professionals (3775819) **6.00** Families (2238567) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (2229819) **7.00** Surprise, Surprise (6590587) **8.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6576987) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (9432093) **9.30** The Comedians (2955123) **10.00-11.00** The Professionals (6599838)

Dorothy Lamour stars in *The Fleet's In* (Movies Gold 6.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (6964345) **6.25** Quack Attack (6976180) **6.50** Bonkers (5579890) **7.15** The Little Mermaid (5140398) **7.40** Aladdin (4058451) **8.05** Quack Pack (2248906) **8.30** Goof Troop (79548) **9.00** The Care Bears (4220529) **9.25** Pooh Corner (4232364) **9.50** Muppet Babies (3057600) **10.15** Grounding Marsh (9322600) **10.40** Sing Me a Story (1936548) **11.05** Mouse and Mole (2435258) **11.10** Big Garage (4045567) **11.25** Play Along (3593819) **11.55** Fraggle Rock (8131068) **12.20pm** Timon and Pumbaa (3070884) **12.35** Boy Meets World (7387548) **1.05** Timon (68800703) **1.15** Mouse Tracks (441161) **1.45** Aladdin (60020890) **2.10** Goof Troop (24105838) **2.35** Bonkers (3797548) **3.00** Quack Attack (3480616) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (2242258) **3.55** The Little Mermaid (8223906) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (5198258) **4.10** Goof Troop (6784451) **4.30** Everyday's a Choosedey (4083) **5.00** Aladdin (7637426) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (4490600) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (211548) **6.00** New Doug (2258) **6.30** Boy Meets World (6838) **7.00** Brotherly Love (4797) **7.30 FILM: Double Agent** (24513) **9.00** Bone Chillers (58426) **9.30-10.00** Life's Work

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (9271345) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (9583451) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (4982513) **7.30** Alien Rangers (4074548) **8.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (2169155) **8.30** Crocadoo (2168426) **9.00** Rimbas Island (3077258) **9.20** The Magic Box (4504513) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (3950987) **10.15** Rimbas Island (8478722) **10.30** The Magic Box (2244890) **11.00** *Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol* (6334884) **11.30** Pinocchio (6335513) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (2162342) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (10646890) **12.45** Alien Rangers (8037600) **1.15** Big Bad Beetleborgs (93867345) **1.30** Eek! (4089258) **2.00** Life with Louie (3118258) **2.30** Crocadoo (3911451) **3.00** Gadget Boy (3120093) **3.30** Eek! (3827068) **4.00** Life with Louie (3902703) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (3908987) **5.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (3132838) **5.30** Spiderman (3922567) **6.00** X Men (3912180) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (3903432)

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (45187) **6.30** Dangermouse (80616) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (21074) **7.30** The Tick (40109) **8.00** Batman (76451) **8.30** Art Attack (75722) **9.00** Art Attack (66074) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (77744) **10.00** Gravedale High (18068) **10.30** Flash Gordon (62258) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (47364) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (48093) **12.00** Gravedale High (86838) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (77780) **1.00** Batman (20345) **1.30** Dangermouse (27221) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (6155) **2.30** Flash Gordon (7703) **3.00** Sonic (1890) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (9548) **4.00** The Tick (5156) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (7567)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm** Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula (61580) **6.30** Rocko's Modern Life (68229) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (38657) **7.30** Rugrats (17164) **8.00** Doug (59676) **8.30** Arthur (58947) **9.00** CBBC (47980) **10.00** Wimzie's House (81251) **10.30** Babar (38183) **11.00** Magic School Bus (13299) **11.30** Mr Men/Iving Rollo/Barney/Topsy and Tim/Skylark (14928) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (52763) **12.30pm** Little Bear Stories (89305) **1.00** CBBC (77560) **2.00** The Wubbulous World of Dr Seuss (9454) **2.30** Kissyfur (1980) **3.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (8589) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (3725) **4.00** Jumanji (5560) **4.30** Rugrats (1744) **5.00** Sister Sister (3034) **5.30** Moesha (2096) **6.00** Press Gang (9909) **6.30-7.00** Doug (3589)

TROUBLE

12.00 Heartbreak High (4246180) **1.00pm** Madison (8029364) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (4233616) **2.00** Hangtime (4534987) **2.30** California Dreams (3154819) **3.00** Byker Grove (4548722) **3.30** Blast (3159364) **4.00** Sweet Valley High (3065971) **4.30** Hangtime (3061155) **5.00** Saved by the Bell (4558567) **5.30** California Dreams (3158035) **6.00** Byker Grove (3155548) **6.30** Madison (3066600) **7.00-8.00** Heartbreak High (8326451)

BRAVO

8.00pm The New Twilight Zone (4547451) **8.30** The New Twilight Zone (4533258) **9.00** Monsters (3636819) **9.30** Twisted (4254109) **10.00** Tour of Duty (8325722) **11.00 FILM: Devil Man** (2413838) **1.00am** Starsky and Hutch (4844952) **2.00** Tour of Duty (7092407) **3.00 FILM: Devil Man** (3337778) **5.00** The New Twilight Zone (6729089)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (2797) **7.30** Roseanne (3722) **8.00** E UK (4345) **8.30** Almost Perfect (6180) **9.00** Cheers (16426) **9.30** Cybill (55432) **10.00** Frasier (43155) **10.30** Monty Python (25703) **11.00** In Bed with Me Dinner (11971) **11.30** Nightstand (25068) **12.30am** Sledgehammer (64575) **1.00** Cheers (20391) **1.30** Cybill (36440) **2.00** E UK (72827) **2.30** In Bed with Me Dinner (84662) **3.00** Frasier (17827) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (75914)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1514600) **9.00** Sightings (1607364) **10.00** SFScene (5785258) **10.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (4660513) **11.30** 40 Years of Hammer (4413242) **12.00** Nightmare Cafe (3392575) **1.00am** The Twilight Zone (9693827) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (5315117) **2.00** Friday the 13th (6658440) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (3339001)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7926971) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (4236703) **10.00** Screaming Reels (4183074) **10.30** Doing it Up (7922155) **11.00** The Painted House (3629529) **11.30** This Old House (3620258) **12.00** Yan Can Cook (7019635) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (4247819) **1.00** Today's Gourmet (8032838) **1.30** Home Again (4239690) **2.00** The Log Cabin (4530161) **2.30** Furniture to Go (3150093) **3.00** Our House (4453068) **3.30-4.00** This Old House

DISCOVERY

4.00pm High Five (3141345) **4.30** Volkswagen (3147539) **5.00** Time Travellers (4458513) **5.30** Justice Files (3161109) **6.00** Wild Things (3151722) **6.30** Wild Things (3142074) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (4541277) **7.30** Disaster (3148258) **8.00** Turning Points (4454797) **8.30** Crocodile Hunters (4539432) **9.00** Lonely Planet (8335109) **10.00** Pioneers! (8232068) **11.00** Air Power (8019987) **12.00** Wings of the Red Star (8407136) **1.00am** Disaster (9403074) **1.30-2.00** Beyond 2000

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (5830797) **5.00** Mummies (5053726) **6.00** Our Century (3200797) **7.00-8.00** Dean Martin

CHALLENGE TV

Win with **Prize Time** twice an hour **5.05pm** Cross Wits (9708722) **5.50** Family Fortunes (229567) **6.20** Family Day's Out (240068) **6.30** Catchphrase (609277) **7.05** Winner Takes All (561703) (240093) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (731635) **8.20** All Clued Up (511513) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (456451) **9.25** Challenge TV's InnQuction (817548) **9.35** Sale of the Century (341180) **10.05** Treasure Hunt (823567) **11.20** Studs (592155) **12.00** Winner Takes All (25198) **12.30am** Family Late Hart to Hart (87285) **1.30** Moonlighting (20830) **2.30** Jake and the Kid (65372) **3.30** My Two Dads (13198) **4.00** The Fall Guy (52223) **5.00** HSN Direct Shopping (62049)

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Formula One chief agrees £1bn price cut to get float off the grid

By Jason Nissé

BERNIE ECCLESTONE, the flamboyant chief executive of Formula One, has agreed to a cut of up to £1 billion in the valuation of the motor racing marketing business so that it can be floated on the international stock markets this summer.

Salomon Brothers, the US investment bank that is backing the float, is expected to annouce a timetable for the issue in the next few days. But the valuation has been cut from earlier estimates of £2.5 billion to as low as £1.5 billion. The business owns the intellectual property rights to Formula One motor racing, controlling TV coverage and selling it to international broadcasters. This year's turnover is expected to be £200 million, generating pre-tax profits of £85 million.

However, although Salomon expects to be able to have the prospectus ready by the middle of next month, key deals with the Formula One racing teams have yet to be finalised. Three UK teams, Williams, McLaren and Tyrell, have yet to agree to amended terms to the Concorde agreement which governs the distribution of the income from televising the sport in more than 100 countries.

They want a larger slice of the cake. "Viewers tune in to see our drivers racing our cars, not Ecclestone counting his money," said a leading member of one team. Although no deal has been signed, Mr Ecclestone, who is set to make more than £500 million from the float, claims this is not a problem. He says he is prepared to offer racing teams and track owners a stake in Formula One to bring about the float.

Presentations to investors and analysts have already tentatively started, with Mr Ecclestone unveiling an impressive new management team. This is led by Helmut Werner, former chairman of Mercedes Benz, as chairman, with Marco Piccinini, sporting director of Ferrari, as deputy chief executive, David Wilson, formerly of Ernst & Young and Ladbroke, as finance director, and two high-profile non-executives, Robert Rowley, finance director of Reuters, and Walter Thoma, head of the European operations of Philip Morris, maker of Marlboro cigarattes.

A presentation was made in London on Friday and Formula One is expected to take institutional investors to the Spanish grand prix this weekend.

Salomon is telling potential investors that Formula One is set to have a massive step-up in profits as a result of pay-per-view TV. The technology was tested in coverage of the German grand prix last year, when the race was shown from various camera angles on different channels of German satellite TV. However, team owners have expressed concern that pay-per-view will cut audiences and reduce the income from sponsors, some of whom have been put off by restrictions on tobacco advertising, notably in France.

Amstrad given boost in $186m US legal fight

By Adam Jones and Jason Nissé

AMSTRAD'S hopes of winning a second lucrative court battle over the allegedly faulty components supplied for its personal computers have been boosted by apparent disarray among its opponent's lawyers.

Alan Sugar's company is suing Western Digital Corporation, a leading disk drive manufacturer based in Irvine, California, for $186 million in the US courts. The lawsuit relates to allegedly faulty disk drives that Western Digital made for Amstrad personal computers at the end of the 1980s. Western Digital denies the claim.

Ten days ago, Amstrad won £57.5 million plus interest in the High Court in London from Seagate Technology, another US company, over faulty hard disk drives it delivered for Amstrad PC 2386 computers.

Western Digital supplied drives for the same range, although it said the two court cases are very different. Unlike Seagate, Western Digital said it had at no point admitted to any design faults.

However, Irell & Manella, the leading Los Angeles law firm that Western Digital has employed since 1991 to fight Amstrad has been disqualified from the case.

A California judge ruled that the law firm was subject to a conflict of interest because it had hired a specialist consultancy that Amstrad had already approached. The consultancy had seen confidential information from Amstrad that the judge ruled could have been used against it in the case.

Western Digital and Irell & Manella have requested that the judge reconsider. The case is due to start on June 30. It can be postponed, but, under Californian law, cannot be delayed beyond this year.

Robert Blair, of Western Digital, said that it would be possible to adequately prepare a new team. "It's certainly a setback, but we are confident that we have enough time, even if the judge doesn't reconsider," he said.

Sugar: outraged by rival

The victory over Seagate has raised the prosect of a bumper cash payout to Amstrad shareholders, of which Mr Sugar is the largest.

The company already has £200 million of cash in its balance sheet and Mr Sugar has said he will distribute this to shareholders if he can find a tax efficient way of doing so.

After the transfer of the last of Amstrad's consumer electronics businesses to Betacom on Friday, Amstrad has a 69 per cent stake in Betacom and is talking about distributing Betacom shares to Amstrad investors. The only other substantial business left in Amstrad is Viglen, a personal computer maker.

Seagate has said it will appeal against the High Court decision, but legal experts are sceptical because the ruling came from the Official Referee and therefore can only be appealed against in exceptional circumstances. Al Shugart, Seagate's chief executive officer, was reported in the *Wall Street Journal* as having said of Judge Humphrey Lloyd: "His wig was on too tight and it caused brain damage."

Mr Sugar said in response: "I find Mr Shugart's comments outrageous. He seems to be suffering with the same problem as the disk drives he shipped us: memory loss."

Amstrad has maintained that the supply of faulty disk drives undermined its position and reputation in the UK. Mr Sugar pondered: "Who knows where this company would have been if this had not happened?"

Classics such as *Pride and Prejudice* will feature on digital terrestrial TV in the wake of the BBC-Flextech's deal

BBC-Flextech in two-way bet

By Eric Reguly

AN AMERICAN media company has opened negotiations to buy programming from the BBC and Flextech, the cable and satellite programmer, in the belief that it will beat a rival British group for the right to launch digital terrestrial TV next year.

The Digital Television Network, owned by NTL, the American cable company, wants to buy the broadcast rights to as many as eight subscription channels under development by the new BBC-Flextech joint venture. These will carry new and classic programming produced by the BBC, such as the recent adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

The channels, however, are already committed to British Digital Broadcasting (BDB), the rival digital-TV group owned by Carlton, Granada and BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster that is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*.

It has emerged that the BBC-Flextech joint venture is free to supply its channels to DTN if BDB's digital-TV bid fails. The Independent Television Commission is meeting this week to examine the bids and is expected to announce the winner by early June.

Jeremy Thorp, chief executive of DTN, said: "We have been in extensive negotiations with the BBC and Flextech. We have a letter from them saying that, if we win, they will be happy to conclude negotiations with us."

In January, BDB convinced the BBC-Flextech joint venture to back its efforts to introduce digital TV in terrestrial form. Its launch will bring an explosion of choice to viewers, introducing multichannel TV and interactive services to the three quarters of British households that do not subscribe to cable or satellite TV.

The channels from BBC-Flextech and BSkyB, which agreed to supply Sky 1 and three premium movie and sports channels, gave BDB a programming line-up that was considered far stronger than DTN's.

United News & Media, the newspaper and ITV group, also believes that DTN could win the digital sweepstake. Earlier this month, United said it would invest £120 million for a 30 per cent stake in DTN if DTN wins.

Lonrho looks at £2bn merger

By Jason Nissé

LONRHO, which is turning itself into a pure mining group, has received an approach from JCI, the black controlled South African mining company, proposing a £2 billion merger.

Nick Morrell, Lonrho's chief executive, has asked Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the group's merchant bank, to look at the proposals, but yesterday a spokesman said that Lonrho had not entered into formal merger talks.

JCI, which has hired SBC Warburg, the merchant bank, to push through its plans, is claiming the backing of Anglo American Corporation, the South African group with a 28.4 per cent stake in Lonrho.

The scheme would involve Lonrho making an agreed bid, worth around £900 million, for JCI, and funding this by selling its 41 per cent stake in Ashanti, the Ghanaian mining group, to Anglo.

At the same time Anglo would sell back its stake to Lonrho, which would cancel the shares. Anglo is allowed to vote only 9.9 per cent of its shares under a European Commission anti-trust ruling and is sitting on a £100 million loss on the investment.

The resulting group would have a market capitalisation of around £2 billion, listings in London and Johannesburg and excellent political connections within South Africa.

JCI is headed by Mzi Khumalo, a former political prisoner who spent 12 years on Robben Island with Nelson Mandela. He joined JCI after Anglo sold its stake under the country's black empowerment programme.

Lonrho is preferring to take a "wait and see" line as it believes a number of South African groups would be keen to strike deals with it.

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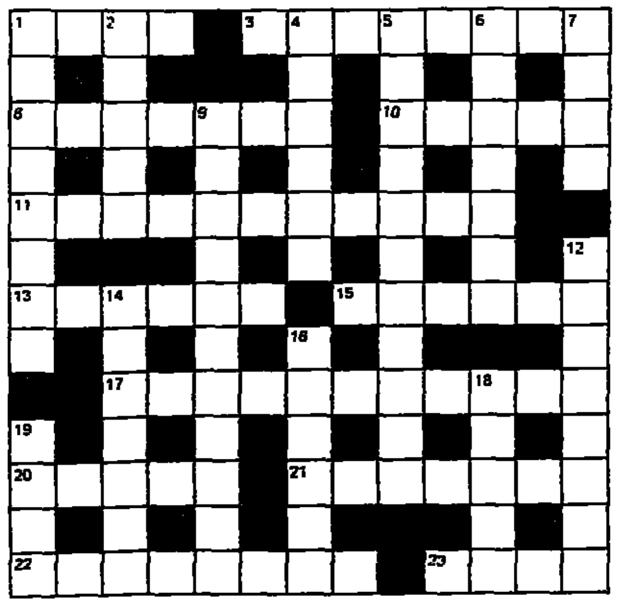

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13 Obscure prophecy (6)
15 Rook: Englishman's home (*prov.*) (6)
17 Of regular form (11)
20 Exhaust, empty (5)
21 Boy king murdered in Tower (6,1)
22 Government department (8)
23 Great house: entry, dining room (4)

DOWN
1 Dawn (8)
2 Scrum (5)
4 Loan payment (6)
5 Garden cart (11)
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7 Narration (4)
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Welfare state 'on verge of collapse'

By Alasdair Murray

BRITAIN'S welfare state is on the verge of collapse and should be replaced by a system of private insurance, an independent think-tank will claim today. Professor Lord Skidelsky, chairman of the Social Market Foundation, argues that the current system has created "attacks on efficiency, liberty and morality".

He says the welfare state is encouraging dependency because it has "lowered the cost of idleness and raised the cost of effort". Social security no longer moves wealth from the rich to the poor but from productive members of society, many of them poor, to the unproductive.

Lord Skidelsky argues that the welfare state has fallen into disrepute, with the tax-paying middle class and the poor increasingly reluctant to pay extra taxes to fund "the idle". Governments have been unwilling to begin reform because even taxpayers jealously guard their individual entitlements, especially health benefits, he says.

Most cover for retirement, sickness, disability and unemployment should be met by voluntary private insurance, saving £50 billion a year, Lord Skidelsky says. Much of the cost of the insurance could be met through abolition of National Insurance, he says.

The foundation will tomorrow hold a conference on the future of welfare, at which Frank Field, Minister for Welfare Reform, is to speak.

Swiss banks face secrecy shake-up

By Carl Mortished

SWISS law-makers are considering a massive shake-up of the country's bank secrecy rules in order to protect whistle-blowers who reveal information about Nazi gold and the bank accounts of holocaust victims.

Calls to weaken the stringent Swiss bank secrecy laws followed embarrassment caused by the sacking of a nightwatchman at Union Bank of Switzerland who rescued Second World War documents from the bank's shredder room and gave them to Zurich's Jewish leaders.

A committee of the Swiss parliament intends to propose legislation just as the Swiss banks come under renewed scrutiny. Zurich's institutions have frozen property and bank accounts belonging to the deposed President Mobutu of Zaire after decades in which the discredited dictator siphoned off millions of dollars of foreign aid provided to help the African country.

Christoph Meili, the UBS security guard, left the country in the midst of a public outcry over plans to prosecute him for violation of secrecy laws. He now lives with his family in the United States.

Swiss legislators have previously called for legal protection for bank staff who hand over records to a government committee charged with investigating Switzerland's role as a safe haven for Nazi funds and those of holocaust victims.

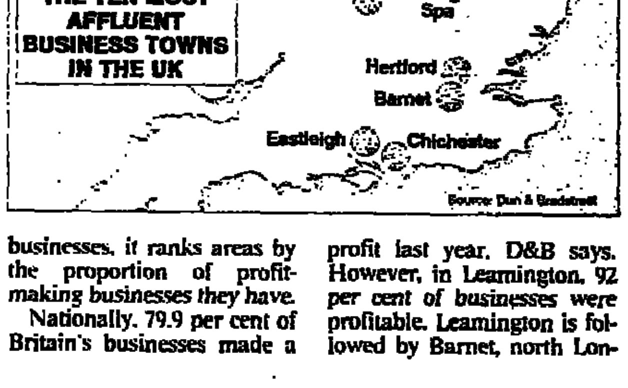
Leamington Spa is the business

By Philip Bassett
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FORGET the Square Mile. Never mind the rich South East. Britain's best place to do business is Leamington Spa.

The leafy Warwickshire town has been adjudged Britain's most profitable business town, giving a clean sweep for the Midlands, traditional heartland of British industry. Not only is Leamington the best town to do business in, but Warwickshire is the best county and the Midlands the best region.

Leamington's success comes in a survey by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information company. Drawing on its database of more than 50,000 businesses, it ranks areas by the proportion of profit-making businesses they have.



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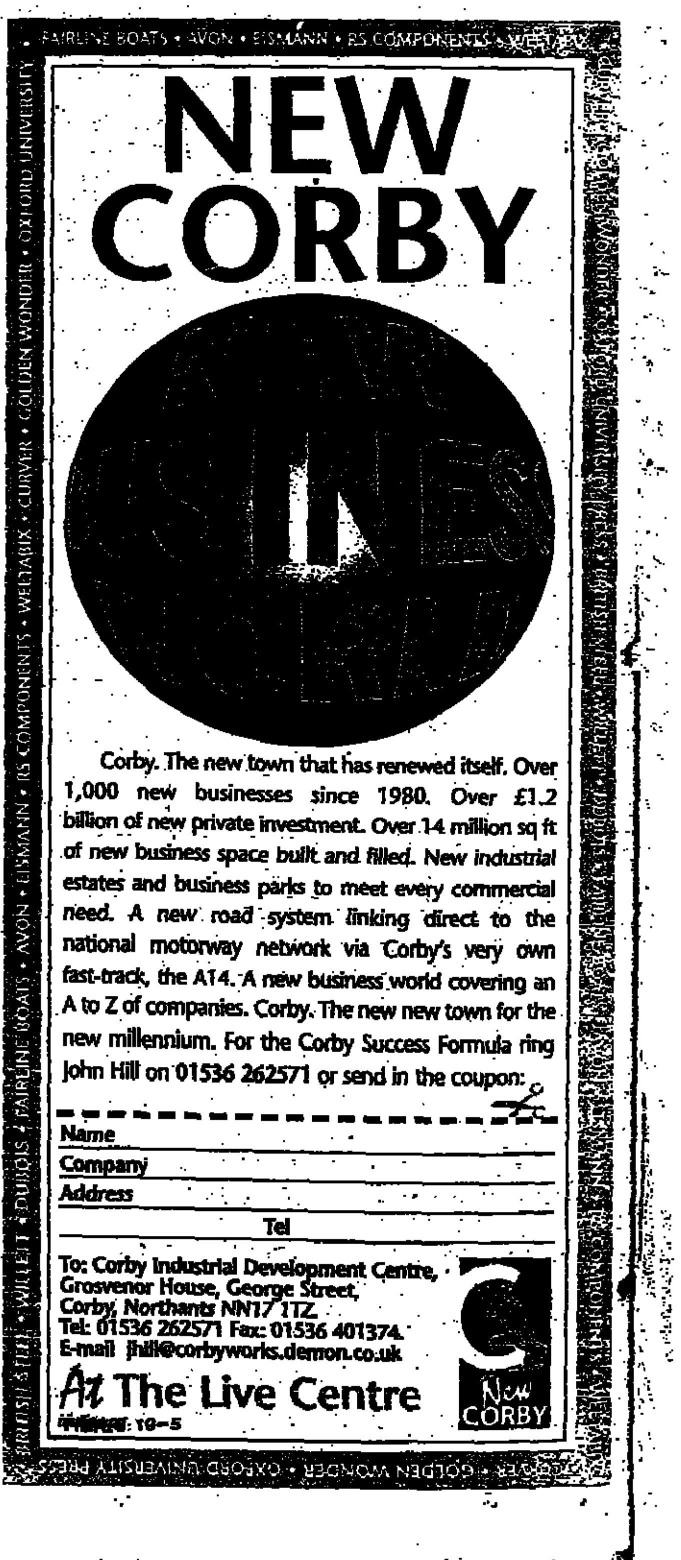
Nationally, 79.9 per cent of Britain's businesses made a profit last year, D&B says. However, in Leamington, 92 per cent of businesses were profitable. Leamington is followed by Barnet, north London, and Chichester, West Sussex, both with a 90 per cent profitability rating. More curiously, they are followed by Rotherham, south Yorkshire, with 89 per cent, and middle-class Chester.

The rest of the top ten towns are Hertford, Dudley, in the West Midlands, and Halifax, West Yorkshire, and Shrewsbury and Eastleigh, near Southampton, all of which enoyed a profitability rating of more than 88 per cent. Most of the towns are popular destinations for visiting shoppers.

Warwickshire is top county with 85 per cent, followed by Co Antrim. The West Midlands is top region at 83 per cent, followed by the North West.



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